



Welcome From KH

Students are in their final preparations for their GCSE exams beginning in May. This half term students will be sitting live external examinations for BTEC subjects in January and a series of mock exams in February. Students will receive a mock results day with their trial exam results and this will be followed by a progress evening in March.

Thank you for your continued support. If you need any help or have any queries please feel free to contact me via the school office on 0191 297 9700 or via email at kim.hay@monkseaton.org.uk.

Mrs Kim Hay
Pastoral Raising Achievement Leader KS4

Christmas Charity Campaigns



Every Christmas we like to support the community by giving back, each year we are overwhelmed with the generosity of our students and their families in supporting our campaigns and this year has been no different. This Christmas we asked students and their families to donate clothing, footwear, toiletries, cosmetics, toys, household items for the Community Clothing Scheme which is available to local families who need support. Your donations were collected from the school before Christmas and used to support families over the Festive period, so a massive thank you for your donations and generosity. Additionally we donated new toys and money raised through non-uniform day to Cash for Kids Mission Christmas.

Christmas Hamper Delivery

Marks and Spencer staff very kindly donated Christmas food hampers to families who may have needed support over Christmas – Monkseaton High Staff delivered the Hampers on 23rd Dec.





The ASDAN team and Year 10 and 11 students raised £140 for Newcastle cat and Dog Shelter by raffling some amazing baking.

Key Dates

Trial Exams:

Year 11 trial exams start on 31st January. Students will be issued with a personalised exam timetable. Exams will follow formal exam procedures and take place in the exam hall with invigilators at an allotted time as we aim to provide students with a realistic experience of sitting GCSE exams. This will be students first experience of a real exam cycle. Revision resources and support are available on the school website at <https://www.monkseaton.org.uk/revision-support>.

Homework Club:

Students will be able to use computers with staff guidance every afternoon in ILA 230 from 3.15 to 4 pm. This is a great opportunity to get homework completed with support.

Breakfast Club: Each morning we run a school breakfast club from 8am – 8.45am. Students can come into the atrium and have a free breakfast including cereal, toast and hot drinks. This is open to all students at MHS and is a fantastic opportunity.

Year 11 will be studying the following topics in the next half term:

Maths Foundation:

- Geometry review, Statistics review, revision for trial Exams

Maths Higher

- Completing the square, revision for trial Exams

English:

- English Language Paper 1
- Power and Conflict Poetry Comparison

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- Coordination, control and homeostasis

Chemistry

- Review of acids and alkalis and a review of groups of the periodic table

Physics

- Electricity and Magnetism

Business:

- Influences on business
- The interdependent nature of business

ICT:

- R081 exam revision

Computer Science:

- Programming fundamentals, producing robust programs

History:

- Crime and Punishment in Industrial Britain 1800-1900 including the Whitechapel murders.

Geography:

- Natural Hazards
- Weather Events

Music:

- Exploring Musical Styles - Students will re-cap some previously studied styles and create their own musical products
- Music Skills Development - Students will refine their solo performance skills
- Responding to a Commercial Brief - Students will undertake preparations for the set task and begin to create their own version of an existing piece of music, but in a different style to the original

Performing Arts:

- Developing Skills and Techniques - Students will rehearse and perform a scene from *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*
- Exploring the Performing Arts - Students will re-cap one of the previously studied theatre styles and apply their newly developed skills to their work
- Responding to a Brief - Students will undertake preparations for the set task and begin to create their own piece of drama using the stimulus 'Better Together'

Hospitality:

- Continuing with revision in preparation for their live exam in January. There is a second opportunity to sit this exam in the summer if they wish to improve their grade.
 - For Unit 2, students will be starting their controlled assessment which will include practical work and written work looking at a particular hospitality setting.
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- The practical assessment days will be in March and each student will be allocated one day to complete this work.

Health and Social Care:

- Exam content - Health & Wellbeing

MFL:

- Theme 2/Topic 2 Social Issues: Healthy & Unhealthy Living

Engineering:

- Completing their first external R105 examination on design briefs, specifications and user needs. Finalise their R106 Research unit on bike lights.
- Complete 3D realisation unit to model a lamp to an exact manufacturing specification.

Art:

- Learning about the use of Acrylic paint onto canvas, being inspired by a wide range of artists.
- Students will continue to develop their own large outcomes using their own photographs and mixed media onto a range of paper, canvas, board and 3D objects.
- Students will have a strong sketch book focus and are required to complete a double page or more per week independently to show off their skills.

Media:

- Preparation for Component Two trial exam - sitcoms (The IT Crowd and Friends) and music (Taylor Swift Bad Blood video, Pharrell Williams Freedom video, both artists' websites and social media).
- Completion of Component Three coursework - DVD cover and film poster for an original film.

Year 11 Subject Award Winners:

Well Done to our subject stars last half term!

Art – Aoife Graham

Biology – Sarah Vince

Business – Carli Curran

Chemistry – Dan Robinson

Computer Science – Ben Hillas

DT- Candice Barker

English – Dan Thomas

French – Sophie Stanyer

Geography – Sophie Stanyer

History – Eden Farmery

Health and Social Care – Phoebe Skinner

Hospitality – Ellen Humphreys

I CT – Mariana Goncalves

Maths – Lily Reed

Music- Mariana Goncalves

P.E. – Zain Rahman

Performing Arts – Marshelle James

Photography -Molly Elford

Physics – Millie Wood

Spanish – Lily Brown

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Careers/Future Pathways

You can find out more information about careers and future pathways on our school website at www.monkseaton.org.uk/careers. Here you will find information for both parents and students, as well as a careerometer tool to support decision making and examples of our alumni and what their progression after Monkseaton High School. There are also videos from professionals in different industries to inform students about different job roles and support them in their decision making. If you need further support you can contact Mr Hay or our Connexions advisor Angela Toves through the main office.

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