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Year 8 Home Learning Guide for Parents

Autumn Term 2021

Introduction

Thank you for the continued support you are providing in supporting your daughter in her learning.

As you know, BGGS teachers are working hard to ensure that the planned curriculum continues to be taught and any gaps in learning are filled. We hope that the majority of students will be back in school, learning in the classroom, but it is reasonable to assume that there may be some continued disruption in the Autumn term.

Whether your child is learning at school or home, this booklet provides information about what she will be learning this term and how you can best support her.

If you have any queries or need some further support, please contact Mrs Howarth, Vice Principal at your earliest convenience rhowarth@bggs.com

Art

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
Popular Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jasper Johns- Drawing and design• Andy Warhol- observational Drawing• Peter Blake- collage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roy Lichtenstein and comic strips• 3D lettering and graphics

How parents/carers can help

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A sketchbook to last for the full term will be distributed at the start of the year and it is expected that sketchbooks are brought to every lesson.

Useful Resources

Links to useful videos to watch or tutorials are always embedded into powerpoints where appropriate.

- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6f3cdm

Computing

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital Citizenship• Understanding Binary & Data Representation• Logic Gates & Truth Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computational thinking - Creating & following Flowcharts

How parents/carers can help

If your child becomes stuck on a particular topic or lesson, please refer them to the support that can be found on MS Teams. This can help the student to be able to recap the learning objectives set and follow the work. You could also use any of the resources below. If you feel that they need more help and guidance, then please speak to your child's Computing teacher.

Useful Resources

- [KS3 Computer Science - BBC Bitesize](#)
- [KS3 Computing Resources | Computer Science Lessons \(teachcomputerscience.com\)](#)
- [Computing lessons for Key Stage 3 students - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](#)

Drama

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
An introduction to new theatrical techniques and terminology. How to go from developing a Tableaux into performance:	An introduction to Greek Theatre. The rehearsal and performance of a duologue performance of the opening scene of Antigone by Sophocles.

How parents/carers can help

Rehearsals at home are very important. Please encourage our talented pupils to go over their lines at home focussing on Phrasing, Pause and Emphasis, as well as Pitch, Pace, Volume and Articulation. The pupils have learnt how to use these in lessons

Useful Resources

All of our pupils will be given a login and password to Digital Theatre. They will be given a list of performances that they can watch at home. One of these is a performance of Antigone.

<https://edu.digitaltheatreplus.com/login?redirect=%2F>

English

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Iridescent Adolescents A reading module, in which we focus on short stories as a way of studying comprehension and critical reading skills. The stories are from a range of diverse cultures and genres.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gothic and the Brontes A writing module, focusing on the Bronte sisters and other 19 th Century writers to study the gothic genre and its conventions. Students will work on writing skills, for example looking at how to use descriptive language and accurate spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

How parents/carers can help

- If your child is stuck with her work, ask her to check Class Notebook on Teams for resources for the lessons.
- Encourage reading for pleasure; the expectation is that students read for 20 minute every day and quiz on the books read by logging on to Accelerated Reader.

Useful Resources

- As a parent you can login in to Accelerated Reader to view your child's reading progress <https://Ukhosted33.renlearn.co.uk/2260566/HomeConnect>. Ask your daughter for her login for AR which you can use for Home Connect
- More details and resources about the Gothic genre can be found on the British Library website [The Gothic - The British Library \(bl.uk\)](#)

Food and Nutrition

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refresh memory for hygiene and safety• Introduce project- Street Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seasonality• Multi-cultural

How parents/carers can help

Take student shopping for food, identify where food comes from.

Useful Resources

<https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/>

French

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
Leisure activities (cinema/ music/ tv) Impact of celebrities on young people Celebrities from different background	Leisure activities/ going out to places in town: café/ library/ swimming pool etc linked to leisure activities

How parents/carers can help

- Check vocabulary/ grammar is learnt
- Check homework is completed
- Encourage your daughter to read French work aloud, to practise vocabulary aloud.
- Check presentation of work in exercise book
- Encourage her to use: linguascope.com to practise their vocabulary independently
- Discourage the use of Google translator: it has been a real issue since Live lessons have started.
- Encourage the use of the revision guide provided by the school

Useful Resources

- www.languagesonline.org.uk (free, no password required): vocabulary and grammar
- www.Linguascope.com - to practise and help with vocabulary retention
- Revision guide: provided to each student: to use topics being studied
- bbc bitesize

Geography

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
Weather & climate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is weather?• Microclimates• Britain's climate• Rainfall• High & low pressure• Weather forecasting	The Landscape shapers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weathering• Weathering enquiry• Erosion• The three stages of a river• River landforms• Waterfall model

How parents/carers can help

- Watch the weather forecast with your daughter.
- Check the weather together before heading out for a walk together.
- Go for a walk together and take photos/draw a picture of the landscape. E.g. Ilkley Moor/Shipley Glen

Useful Resources

- <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx38q6f>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zs92tfr>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhrjmp3>

History

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
Renaissance The Stuarts	The Stuarts

How parents/carers can help

Please encourage students to complete the work set and revisit work between lessons. Work set as an Assignment in Teams should be returned by the specified date for assessment and feedback.

If students are unable to access their lessons because they are self-isolating the lesson PPTs and tasks can be found on Class Notebook.

Useful Resources

[Life for the Stuart lords - Everyday life in Tudor and Stuart times - KS3 History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

[A summary of Oliver Cromwell - Oliver Cromwell - KS3 History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

[A summary of Charles I, Civil War and the Restoration - Charles I, Civil War and the Restoration - KS3 History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

[A summary of the Gunpowder Plot - The Gunpowder Plot - KS3 History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

[The English Civil War - KS3 History - BBC Bitesize](#)

Maths

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proportional reasoning – Introducing ratio, simplifying etc.• Multiplicative change – scale factors, conversions etc.• Multiplying and dividing fractions• Working in the Cartesian plane – straight-line graphs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working in the Cartesian plane – straight-line graphs.• Representing data – Scatter graphs etc• Probability – sample space diagrams, Venn diagrams etc.• Consolidation – recap of the whole term.

How parents/carers can help

If your child becomes stuck on a particular part of the lesson, please refer them to the video's that can be found on MS Teams. This can help the student to be able to recap the learning objectives set and follow the work. Being able to visually see the problem can help the students with the questions. If you feel that they need more help and guidance, then please speak to your child's Math's teacher and they will supply you with a support booklet.

Useful Resources

- <https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/> - this will provide more information about the schemes of learning and can offer advice on the new techniques.
- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zqhs34j - this can show different methods that are acceptable to use in their workings out.
- <https://hegartymaths.com/> - your child has access to this, and this is where homework is set for maths. This is also useful as they can use it to see other videos to help them with their work.

Music

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
Ensemble Skills: learning instrumental techniques and how to play as part of a group.	Ensemble Skills: learning instrumental techniques and how to play as part of a group.

How parents/carers can help

- Recap key terms from lessons
- Encourage individual practice during social times or joining extra-curricular activities

Useful Resources

Physical Education

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
Dance and swimming in movement lessons. Netball and Basketball in games lessons.	Dance, swimming and gymnastics in movement lessons. Netball, Basketball, football and badminton in games lessons.

How parents/carers can help

Encourage your daughters to attend extra-curricular sports clubs regularly, and/ or to spend time each day outside of school being physically active.

Useful Resources

All students will have access to a bank of ideas and resources through MS Teams and SharePoint. Other useful resources for physical activity ideas can be found here:

- [Youth Sport Trust Website](#)
- [YouTube - PE with Joe](#)
- [Change4life Website](#)

Religious Studies

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
How do Muslim beliefs influence their lives? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abrahamic origins• The Life of the prophet Muhammad (pbuh)• Muslim beliefs about Allah: Tawhid• Authority in Islam: Qur'an, Hadith, Sunnah and Ummah• The Five Pillars of Islam• Worship in the Mosque	How do Muslim beliefs influence their lives? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Halal and Haram• Khalifah Was Jesus the Son of God? NEW UNIT OF WORK – Content TBC

How parents/carers can help

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Useful Resources

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsdtbk>

Science

Note: If your daughter has more than one teacher for science it may be that they are studying different areas of the topic with each teacher.

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matter- Students will learn about the elements that make up everything in the Universe. They will explore ways of classifying elements and find out about patterns in their physical and chemical properties.• Organisms- Students will learn about how we breathe, and then look at the damage that can be caused by lifestyle choices. They will study what makes a balanced diet and how the body breaks down food to release energy and other nutrients.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electromagnets- Students will learn how to make a magnet using electricity, and about the different ways that you can make it stronger. They will learn how electromagnetic devices work. They will also study magnetic fields, including the Earth's.• Reactions- Students will learn what happens to atoms in chemical reactions. They will find out how chemical reactions transfer energy and why chemical reactions are so important.

How parents/carers can help

- Encourage your daughter(s) to regularly revisit her classwork between lessons. This will help consolidate their learning and allow the content to be fresh in their minds ready to be built upon in the next lesson.
- Check if homework has been set and support your daughter(s) in being organised and meeting deadlines.
- Be aware of the useful resources listed below so should your daughter(s) require additional support with their learning, you know where this can be accessed outside of lessons.
- If your daughter(s) are absent from school through illness or self-isolation, refer to the Microsoft Teams Class Notebook pages for the subjects missed, and make sure the work that they have missed is completed before their return to school. This will ensure that there are no gaps in their knowledge, and that they will not be disadvantaged.

Useful Resources

- All students will be loaned a copy of the Activate 2 Science textbook.
- All students will have access to www.kerboodle.com where they can find an online version of their textbook, learning resources, animations and activities to help support their learning.
- All students will have access to www.doddlelearn.com where they will be assigned additional learning tasks and homework activities. They can also use this at their own leisure should they find they need further support with a particular topic area.
- [Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](http://thenational.academy) provides online lessons to support any students who may have missed content due to illness/self-isolating.
- [KS3 Science - BBC Bitesize](#)

Spanish

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City and Region: Talking about places in the town, describing where you go, giving directions, discussing plans for the weekend, describing how areas have changed over time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fashion and Shopping Describing what you wear, talking about high-street shopping, visiting a shopping centre, dealing with problems when shopping, dealing with hypothetical situations.

How parents/carers can help

- Encourage ongoing revision of vocabulary (regular practice).
- You could quiz your daughter if she gives you a list of words/phrases in English that she has to translate into Spanish.
- When completing work independently your daughter needs to use all the resources she has (her own exercise book, Class Notebook, Claro 2 (Spanish textbook - available online only)).

Useful Resources

- www.kerboodle.com – This is where she can access the online digital textbook, that we are using in class. It also has great additional resources and revision exercises to do.
- www.wordreference.com/ - online bilingual dictionary
- www.linguascope.com/ - very helpful with vocabulary acquisition and retention
- Present tense - www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg9mhyc/articles/z63n7nb
- Near future tense - www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg9mhyc/articles/zhgfmfr
- Past tense - www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg9mhyc/articles/zhgfmfr
- Talking about food - www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfgt6v4/articles/zbw4f4j

Textiles

Subject Content

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sewing machine Introduction• Health and safety• Design Brief• Mood board• Visual disassembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bridget Riley Research Task• Design Development

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