

# Shakespeare Class

## Spring 2 - 2025



Acorn Park

<b>Art</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Animal care and Horticulture</b>
<p>Shakespeare class during Spring 2 will visit and experience the Sainsbury Art collection. They will continue to refine their portfolio. They will also research and prepare material for their final exam. In the Art department, we celebrate Mardi Gras and the Holi festival during Spring 2, alongside creating various Spring and Easter crafts.</p>	<p>Following on from last term for spring term 2 Yr 11 will be focusing on Homeostasis and Response exploring the following topics, Human nervous system, Human endocrine system and plant hormones. The class will then move onto Infection and Control where the topics will be plant disease and plant defence system. During this term we will also be focusing on exam revision.</p> <p>Shakespeare will also focus on their entry level science. This will involve completing course work and experiments.</p>	<p>Shakespeare will be preparing for English Language GCSE papers 1&amp;2 – explorations in creative reading and writing and their English Literature 1&amp;2 Shakespeare and 19th Century novel and 20th century drama and poetry. We will be developing student's comprehension skills by reading and analysing a variety of contemporary and 19th century fiction and non-fiction texts. We will also be practicing past papers with a focus on Question 5 that asks students to write a creative piece in Paper 1 and a persuasive article/speech or letter in Paper 2. For the literature papers we'll be revisiting plots/themes/characters and context that inspired</p>	<p>At Animal Care and Horticulture, we will start to introduce seasonal changes for Winter to Spring by observing the school environment around us. Observational changes in plants, trees, wildlife and our animals. Mark will continue with the sensory garden, out the front of the school, along with planting and growing. We are putting out another brief Nature trail in the wild patch area on the other side of the electric gates to the sensory garden. Animal visitors will include a couple of the sheep, the tortoise and Dudley the dog. Themes for outdoor education will include new life.</p>

		<p>Macbeth, Jekyll and Hyde, An Inspector Calls and The Conflict and Power Poetry anthology.</p>	
<p><b>Psychology GCSE Options</b></p> <p>This half term we are going to be focusing on revising the topics of psychology with a focus on memory, conformity, perception and language, thought and communication.</p>	<p><b>History</b></p> <p>The learners will be studying the divisive role of religion throughout the Elizabethan age. In particular they will be looking at the act of supremacy, the worsening situation with Catholicism culminating with the death of Mary Stuart and the Spanish Amada. The learners will also be studying World War 1 with the life of a soldier, the Battle of the Somme, the Battle of Gallipoli, the Russians leaving and the United States joining the War and the end of World War 1.</p>		<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>Shakespeare class will be working on basketball and team building this term. They will be learning the rules of basketball as well as how to apply these in a game situation. They will be developing their use of different passes, dribbling skills and shooting skills also. In their team building sessions they will begin to look at different ways of effectively working together to achieve a common goal. They will apply these skills in different game/task situations.</p>
<p><b>Computing GCSE Option</b></p> <p>This extensive programming unit takes learners from being novices to having the confidence to tackle any GCSE level programming challenge. Essential programming theory is also interleaved into the practical elements of programming to provide tangible links between required knowledge and skills.</p>		<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>Puberty, Menstrual cycle, consent, STI's, conception, pregnancy and baby simulation doll.</p>	

**Maths**

Shakespeare will complete their functional skills level 1 exam at the beginning of this half term, and then we will start revision for the GCSE exams. We will cover the topics of probability, averages, data, best buys (a common exam question) and linear sequences. In the final week we will revise topics of the students choosing. After Easter they will have only 2 more weeks before the first maths GCSE exam!

**Geography**

Orwell will be studying 'Urban issues and Challenges' this half term. They will consider: the changing economic world, measures and models of development, reasons for uneven development and how to reduce the gap. They will apply their knowledge to case studies: the UK and Nigeria

**Citizenship**

To continue with the investigation project and recap of rights and responsibilities topic.

**PE GCSE Option**

Dax will complete his filming of his practical sports for his IGCSE and will continue to work through the sports psychology module for his theory.