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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 students,

Are you ready for Year 11?

Please congratulate your son or daughter on completing Year 10 at Cheney School. By this time next year they will have finished their GCSE exams! This letter has information to help students start Year 11 feeling well prepared. Below are some things that students could do over the summer break.

English (AQA GCSE English Language and AQA GCSE English Literature)

1. Re-read Macbeth and An Inspector Calls so you don't forget the plots and characters. Start making flashcards of key quotations for key characters and themes.
2. Read more fiction for pleasure to increase your vocabulary, widen your general knowledge and give you more ideas for your own creative writing.
3. Expose yourself to the types of non-fiction writing you will have to write in your Language Paper 2 exam including: formal letters, articles, speeches and leaflets.
4. Use the Seneca Literature quizzes to refresh your knowledge of Literature texts. Check with your teacher and classmates if you were absent when any of the poems were covered so you can use Seneca Learning and Mr Bruff's YouTube videos to catch up.
5. Make it your mission to learn one new word a day. Look up the definition and try it out in conversation with friends and family.
6. Start organising your notes and make sure you have a clear space to revise at home.

Maths (EDEXCEL)

There are 3 GCSE question papers posted on SMHW.

Print a paper, find a silent space, set a timer and do the paper under exam conditions. Once you finish your paper, mark it against the solutions attached.

At this stage, you won't have covered the whole GCSE content. Look at the topics you have already covered in Yr 10 and if you haven't scored full marks on those questions, use MathsWatch videos to revise the concepts and try the questions once again. Try all the 3 papers and speak to your teacher when you are back in September.

Also, have a look at Cheney maths blog:

<https://cheneymaths.edublogs.org/cheney-maths/>

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Science (AQA GCSE Combined Science Trilogy, or AQA GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

1. If you missed any lessons in Year 9 or 10, use Seneca Learning fill your knowledge gaps: <http://tiny.cc/cheneyseneca> You can dip into this 5-10 minutes at a time and still benefit!
2. If you don't know where to start, use the science revision checklists saved on Google Drive: <http://tiny.cc/gcsescience> Remember: you have covered all the "Paper 1" topics now!
3. Go back over Educake quizzes from this year, or try "Answer 10 Random Questions" or "Set Yourself a Test" to challenge yourself! <http://educake.co.uk/my-educake>

And if you want to challenge yourself, check out <http://brilliant.org> or the YouTube channels Veritasium, ASAPscience, CrashCourse, and of course Martin Maths!

Yours faithfully,

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