

TURTON

Year 9 Summer Update

A Summer update on what year 9 pupils have been learning this term. This newsletter is full of ideas to keep you busy over summer and exciting opportunities for September! Additional information about the Scholars' curriculum is in brackets. All of our knowledge organisers, detailing our curriculum are here: <https://www.turton.uk.com/ks3revision/>

- **English:** Imagining the Future – fiction and non-fiction extracts
- **Maths:** Rotations, Translations, Constructions and Congruency, Similarity, Ratio and Proportion, using percentages, probability, compound measures.
- **Science:** Photosynthesis & Ecology, Earth's Resources & Climate, Waves - Light
- **History:** Impact of WW2, D-Day, Atomic weapons and the Cold war
(*Nazi expansion, key battles*)
- **Faith & Ethics:** Justice, Peace, Weapons of mass destruction, War
(*Religion, peace and conflict*)
- **Geography:** Complete Hazards - Global Issues (*Case Studies of Global Issues*)
- **Spanish:** Technology (*French: Carnaval à Nice*)
- **Drama** – Verbatim Theatre, Roles & responsibilities, Paper Birds
- **PE:** Energy use and diet
- **Computing:** Software development lifecycle
- **Digital IT** – Project planning: SMART aims, audience & purpose, timescales, risks
- **Music:** Melody composition, working with chords and texture, Composing to a brief
- **Technology:** Decorative techniques, Cake making techniques and processes, Woods, plastics and metals
- **Art:** Contemporary art practice
- **Art Graphics:** Contemporary magazine design



"If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress"

Barack Obama



Why Attendance Matters - FOMO

Think one day off won't make a difference? Every absence creates a learning gap that's hard to bridge, impacting your child's confidence and future options. Their best chance of success starts with being here, every single day. If you need support to get your child into school, reach out to us.

Miss Barlow (Attendance Lead)



Resilience for success!

It has been a pleasure working with Year 9 during the last half term and getting to know many of the young people in the year group. I am looking forward to guiding them through Key Stage 4 and the most important time in school, not only for their GCSEs, but helping them to develop socially and to start thinking about what they want in the future. The demands of the last two years in school can be stressful however the pastoral team are well skilled in working with our youngsters through Key Stage 4 and will be on hand to support your children throughout the process. I hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer and I look forward to working with you and your children in September.

Mr Foy (Head of Year 9)

Learning top tip #3

Flash cards are one of the simplest, but most effective, revision tools. They are small cards with a question, picture or prompt on one side, and the answer or information on the other. To use them well you need to make them yourself and then test yourself by speaking the answers out loud. You can also get friends and family to test you.

Top Tip: make a pile of flashcards you get wrong and keep practising until you have no cards left in this pile

Mrs Lane
(Assistant Head)



Curiosity Question – Faith & Ethics

"Can something be legal but still feel wrong—and how do your beliefs help you tell the difference?"

Mr Lewis (Faith & Ethics Teacher)

Recommends

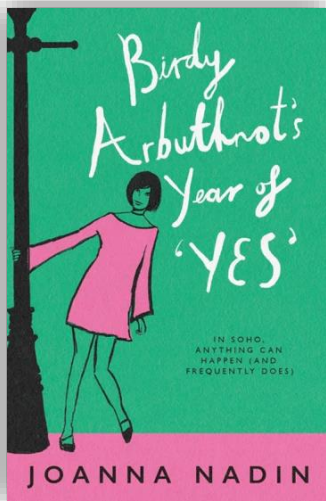
The Mythmakers by John Hendrix

This graphic novel biography tells the story of the friendship two literary greats, C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien. Hendrix chronicles Lewis and Tolkien's near-idyllic childhoods, then moves on to both men's horrific tour of the trenches of World War I to their first meeting at Oxford in 1929, and then World War II.

This book is beautifully presented and gives a real insight into the mind of two of our most popular writers. If you loved *The Hobbit* or *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* I would definitely recommend this book.



Birdy Arbutnot's Year of 'Yes' by Joanna Nadin



Life in Bearmouth is one of hard labour, the sunlit world above the mine a distant memory. Reward will come in the next life with the benevolence of the Mayker. Newt accepts everything - that is, until the mysterious Devlin arrives. Suddenly, Newt starts to look at Bearmouth with a fresh perspective, questioning the system, and setting in motion a chain of events that could destroy their entire world.

This dystopian novel explores a world where workers are treated as little more than pit ponies, both living and working in the dark depths of a mine. Written in first person, it is an extraordinary tale about someone who dares to challenge the status quo. This novel will change the way you think about reading, and about life itself.

Pop into the library to check out these exciting titles. Mrs Taylor (Librarian)

Jump in

Just to let you know about some of the marvellous things going on in September 2025 that pupils can get involved in to really make the most of their time at Turton. A full timetable of activities can be found here: <https://www.turton.uk.com/afterschool/>

Climate Action Group: All Years, 3-4pm Monday (SC5)

Come along and help develop the school to combat climate change and increase our biodiversity! Dr

Hopper (Science Teacher)



School Production: Rehearsals: Full Cast (Monday 3:00 – 4:30pm) & Main Roles (Thursday 3:00 – 4:30pm) – Arts Theatre

School Production starts in September and it will be a musical! This is open to all year groups. Lead role auditions will be held soon. To join the chorus or take on a smaller part, no audition is required. Miss Bimpson (Drama Teacher)

Music Production Group – Wednesday 3 – 4.15pm (MU1) - Create your own sounds with professional music producers

School Orchestra – Thursday 3 – 4pm (Arts Theatre or MU1) - Everyone is welcome – any instrument, any standard. Miss Semmens (Music Teacher)

Spotlight: A-level Government and Politics

Each term we'll spotlight an A-level course at Turton, just in case pupils are wondering where excellent learning can take them. Information about all courses is available in our prospectus here: <http://www.turtonsixthform.uk.com/> Mrs Bali



Government and Politics

Why study Government and Politics?

This course allows you to understand the UK system of government and our political environment. Our students become confident in explaining key political ideas and concepts. Over the two years you will develop your analysis and evaluation skills to confidently answer the written exam questions. Our students are keen, well read and become fully committed to the subject. Results are excellent and above the national average for this course.

Where does it lead?

This is a well-respected academic course, valued at the top universities. Our students go on to study a range of degrees and courses including Law, Journalism and the Humanities.

Past students are now employed in education, marketing, the civil service and the media.

What does it go well with?

Government and Politics will fit well with any subject. However, many of our students also study History, English, Economics and Social Sciences.

Requirements

Government and Politics is an essay based subject. You therefore need to write well and have gained at least a 5 in English.

"I wasn't sure about Governments and Politics initially but I am so glad I chose it. It makes you think and my essay writing has really improved" - Alice McNamara

The Course **A-LEVEL**

You will follow the edexcel course and study:

Unit 1: UK Politics and Political ideas

This will include political participation, electoral systems and voting behaviour.

Unit 2: UK Government and Political ideas.

This will include parliament, the UK Supreme Court and Parliament.

Unit 3: US Government and Politics

This unit looks at the US system of government and politics. You compare and contrast the UK and US system.

There will be three two hour exams with some short answer questions and essay based questions.

"We learn lots in the lessons, you get lots of help and I know I have really improved over the two years." - Sam Coughlan



Mrs Bali



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"The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next." - Abraham Lincoln

