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 <p>English</p>	<p>This half term in Year 7 English, our students are studying 'Uncle Montague's Tales of Terrors', focusing on exploring conventions of the Gothic genre, identifying language features and analysing their effects.</p> <p>You can help them with this topic at home by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging with their Essential Knowledge Cover Sheet, asking your child about the key concepts, key vocabulary and big ideas they are exploring Visiting examples of Gothic architecture in and around Manchester, such as John Rylands Library Reading other Gothic but age-appropriate texts with them so they experience the wider conventions of the genre, such as 'Dark Souls' by Paula Morris or 'Thirteen Chairs' by Dave Shelton Reading for (at least) 20 minutes a day with your child
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>This half term in Year 7 Maths, our students are studying place value and proportion. They will consolidate their understanding of the number system and place value to include decimals, fractions and percentages.</p> <p>You can help them with these topics at home by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> encouraging 100% completion of Sparx homework ensuring the correct equipment is provided ensure that the language used when talking about maths is positive Regularly practise times tables as they are the building blocks of mathematics
 <p>Science</p>	<p>This half term in Year 7 Science, our students are studying three topics. Biology- Cells, Chemistry- Particles and Physics- Energy.</p> <p>You can help them with this topic at home by...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help to encourage students to revise and prepare for the revision and testing week that will take place during the week commencing 18th December. This will assess content taught from the three topics above. Suggested revision material can be found on google classroom. Cells- What are plant and animal cells? - BBC Bitesize Energy- Energy - BBC Bitesize Particles- What is the arrangement of particles in a solid, liquid and gas? - BBC Bitesize
 <p>History</p>	<p>This half term in Year 7 History, our students are studying the Romans.</p> <p>You can help them with this topic at home by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage use of the History google classroom playlists and videos to review in class learning and catch up on missed lessons Use BBC teach to help your child understand what life was like in Ancient Rome Support your child in producing a revision resource (flashcards, mind map, information leaflet) to prepare for this half term's milestone
 <p>Geography</p>	<p>This half term in Year 7 Geography, our students are studying 'The Tropical Rainforest'</p> <p>You can help them with this topic at home by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing Google Classroom Internet Geography Website (Topics- The Tropical Rainforest) BBC I-player: Planet Earth ii - 'Jungles'
 <p>MFL: French + Spanish</p>	<p>This half term in Year 7 French and Spanish, our students are studying Descriptions</p> <p>You can help them with this topic at home by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing them for their speaking presentation Testing them for the writing piece Encourage the use of linguascope (username + password available from their MFL teacher)
 <p>Wellbeing</p>	<p>This half term in the Year 7 well being curriculum, our students are studying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy Lifestyles: A Balanced Diet Sleep hygiene and sleep disorders Personal Hygiene First aid Online safety including tik tok challenges Online safety including cyberflashing Social media: consequences

	<p>You can help them with this topic at home by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing these topics with your child • Reading around the topics using: https://pshe-association.org.uk/resources-landing • Anticipating questions from your child using the content of this document
 Art	<p>This half term in Year 7 Art, our students are studying the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and will be creating a painted final piece based on their previous leaf drawings.</p> <p>You can help them with this topic at home by...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping to research the work of Georgia O'Keeffe • Discussing the work of Georgia O'Keeffe together, to help form personal opinions of the artist's work.
 RE	<p>This half term in Year 7 RE, our students are studying Creation verses the Big Bang Theory</p> <p>You can help them with this topic at home by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage use of the RE google classroom playlists and videos to review in class learning and catch up on missed lessons • Discuss what each of the theories are and why some people believe in one and not the other • Support your child in producing a revision resource (flashcards, mind map, quizzes) to prepare for this half term's milestone
 Computing	<p>This half term in Year 7 Computing, our students are studying Networks. This will include Types of Network, Wired and Wireless Networks, Network Topologies and the Internet.</p> <p>You can help them with this topic at home by:</p> <p>Discussing your home network and what internet provider you use</p> <p>Reviewing Google Classroom</p> <p>Support them in preparing for an end of topic assessment</p>
 Performing Arts	<p>This half term in Year 7 Drama, our students are studying Greek Theatre and some of the basic elements of drama. You can help them with these topics at home by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Greek Mythologies. • Visiting places with Ampitheatres such as Chester. <p>This half term in Year 7 Music, our students are studying Pitch, Pulse and notion. You can help them by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging them to play and listen to pop music. <p>This half term in Year 7 Dance, our students are studying the Elements of Dance, Gesture, stillness, Jump, travel and turns. You can help them by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning how the body moves • Discussing what happens to our muscles and heart when we warm-up
 Design Technology	<p>This half term in Year 7 Design Technology, our students are studying, designing and making skills where they will use primary and secondary research to create a range of technically challenging dishes as well as manufacture and problem solve when using specialist tools. Product design: Storage box, Electronics: Light, DEC: Designing a home for the future, Food: H&S and essential skills</p> <p>You can help them with this topic at home by encouraging them to cook at home, understand health and safety when cooking as well as the importance of cleaning and washing dishes. Take trips to the local shops or supermarkets and analyse the products in the home aisle. Use websites such as www.technologystudent.com, www.gcsebitesize.com. Visit google classroom to understand past, present and future lessons.</p>
 PE	<p>This half term in Year 7 PE, our students are studying Football, Netball and Fitness.</p> <p>You can help them with these topics at home by getting them to practise throwing, passing and catching skills and to do some sort of work out or go out for a run with you.</p>