

Remote Learning Guide

English



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What is the remote learning guide?

Where students are unable to attend school due to, medical, or disciplinary reasons we will continue to provide resources to enable students to continue their education at home – we call this remote learning. We want to minimise the impact to your child's education and therefore we have a plan to make sure learning can continue, when they are unable to attend school.

We will be providing all teaching resources through Microsoft Teams. All students will be automatically placed in a Team for their classes in all subjects. Teachers will place all activities, including lessons and resources as files in these Teams. Pupils can access the Teams through their school email accounts. Teachers will also set homework and send messages to their pupils using MS Teams. All work will be available before the lesson is due to start.

You can see a summary of what is being taught each week through the remote learning guides that are shared on the school website every Friday. Pupils can access the guides using FROG. Your child's teachers, will also be available via email to answer any questions or queries your child may have. The email address for the head of each department is also included within this guide if you need to contact them regarding any subject related issue.

Pupils are also regularly set tasks and can access resources using the following platforms:

- GCSEPod - <https://www.gcsepod.com/>
- MyOn - <https://www.myon.co.uk>
- Seneca - <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- UpLearn - www.uplearn.co.uk
- Dr Frost Maths - <https://www.drfrostmaths.com/>

The following resources provide lessons created by the BBC and Department for Education that may be used with your children to extend their learning at school.

- Oak National Academy - <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. We recognise that reading is vitally important to your child's education. Please make sure your child reads approximately one book a week. Pupils can borrow a book from the school library.

If your child is unable to access the digital resources set by their teachers, please contact your child's Year Manager or Year Coordinator or the school directly using this email address: enquiry@holte.bham.sch.uk

Year 7

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What is your child learning this term?

This term, Year 7 pupils will explore war prose through the study of a class reader, developing their understanding of key themes, context and language. They will practise responding to extracts, focusing on analysis of language and how meaning is created. In writing, pupils will develop their narrative skills by crafting a piece or writing a letter home from the perspective of a soldier. They will also take part in spoken language activities, including dramatic performances to bring soldiers' experiences to life. The unit will conclude with a summative assessment, where pupils will respond to questions on language analysis, themes and context.

Resources available:

Senecalearning.co.uk

Bbcbite-size.co.uk

KS3 revision guides

Pupils will be expected to read independently at home for 20-30 minutes minimum each night. Pupils will also need to learn their April and May Tier 2 spellings. Homework will be set by individual teachers.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including deadlines & resources
7.1	Miss Mohamed and Miss Castleton	Monday 11th May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'War Prose – Lesson 6'. Tuesday 12th May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'War Prose – Lesson 7'. Thursday 14th May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'War Prose – Lesson 8'. Homework – Complete Seneca tasks set.
7.2	Miss Ahmed	Monday 11th May 2026 Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'War Prose – Lesson 6'. Tuesday 12th May 2026 double Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'War Prose – Lesson 7 and 8'. Homework – Complete Seneca tasks set.
7.3	Mrs Dhansey and Mrs Jagpal	Tuesday 12th May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'War Prose – TBITSP'. Thursday 14th May (SUJ) Complete tasks on chapter 1 of Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. Friday 15th May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'War Prose – TBITSP'. Homework: Complete your character profile on Bruno and the Commander.
7.4	Miss Shami	Tuesday 12th May 2026 Complete all activities attached in the PP titled 'BITSP' Thursday 14th May 2026

		<p>Complete all activities attached in the PP titled 'BITSP'</p> <p>Friday 15th May 2026</p> <p>Complete all activities attached in the PP titled 'BITSP'</p> <p>Homework: Complete your character profile on Bruno and the Commander.</p>
7.5	Mr Edwards	<p>Tuesday 12th May</p> <p>War Horse Lesson 4</p> <p>Friday 15th May</p> <p>War Horse Lesson 5</p> <p>Homework</p> <p>Seneca tasks</p>
7.6	Miss Castleton	<p>Tuesday 12th May 2026</p> <p>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</p> <p>Complete the PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May 2026</p> <p>Reading Lesson</p> <p>Complete the PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities</p> <p>Friday 15th May 2026</p> <p>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</p> <p>Complete the PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities</p>
7.7	Mrs Ali	<p>Friday 15th May (SAL)</p> <p>Complete all tasks outlined in 'War Prose' PPT</p>
7.8	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 11th May</p> <p>Complete tasks on War Horse.</p> <p>Tuesday 12th May</p> <p>Complete tasks on War Horse.</p> <p>Homework: Complete the work on Joey's thoughts while at war.</p>
7.N	Ms Lynch	<p>Tuesday 12th May</p> <p>Complete all tasks outlined in 'War Prose' PPT</p> <p>Thursday 14th May</p> <p>Complete all tasks outlined in 'War Prose' PPT</p> <p>Friday 15th May</p> <p>Complete all tasks outlined in 'War Prose' PPT</p> <p>Homework: Answer comprehension questions from chapter 5 of Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</p>

Year 8

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What is your child learning this term?

This term, Year 8 pupils will explore the world of sports journalism, focusing on a range of non-fiction texts. They will study how newspaper articles are written, including their key features and conventions, while also examining issues such as gender bias within journalism. Pupils will complete a formative assessment in the form of a knowledge quiz on women in sport. They will then apply their understanding by writing their own article, focusing on the gender divide in sport and the representation of women in sports media.

Resources available:

Senecalarning.co.uk

Bbcbite-size.co.uk

KS3 revision guides

Pupils will be expected to read independently at home for 20-30 minutes minimum each night. Homework will be set by individual teachers.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including deadlines & resources
8.1	Mrs Ali	<p>Monday 11th May Sports Journalism lesson 4 – power-point and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 14th May Sports Journalism lesson 5 – power-point and activities.</p> <p>Friday 15th May Sports Journalism lesson 6 – power-point and activities. Homework- Write a newspaper article on the representation of underrepresented players in sports.</p>
8.2	Mr Harrison	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 Sports Journalism lesson 7 – power-point and activities. Wednesday 13th May 2026 Sports Journalism lesson 8 – power-point and activities. Thursday 14th May 2026 Sports Journalism lesson 9 – power-point and activities. Friday 15th May 2026 Sports Journalism lesson 10 – power-point and activities.</p>
8.3	Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 Sports Journalism Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities Thursday 14th May 2026 Sports Journalism Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities Friday 15th May 2026 Sports Journalism Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities</p>
8.4	Ms Lynch	Thursday 14th May

		<p>Complete all tasks and activities outlined in 'Journalism' Lesson 1 Friday 15th May</p> <p>Complete all tasks and activities outlined in 'Journalism' Lesson 2</p> <p>Homework: Complete the direct and reported speech task</p>
8.5	Miss Ahmed	<p>Wednesday 13th May 2026 Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'Sports Journalism'.</p> <p>Thursday 14th May 2026 Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'Sports Journalism.' Homework – Compete Seneca tasks set.</p>
8.6	Miss Mohamed and Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 (Miss Castleton) Sports Journalism Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities</p> <p>Tuesday 12th May 2026 (Miss Castleton) Reading Lesson Complete the PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities</p> <p>Thursday 14th May 2026 (Miss Castleton) Sports Journalism Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'Modern Plays'.</p> <p>Homework – Compete Seneca tasks set.</p>
8.7	Mrs Dhansey and Mrs Jagpal	<p>Monday 11th May (SUJ) Continue with work on 'Sports Journalism.'</p> <p>Tuesday 12th May (SUJ) Continue with work on 'Sports Journalism.'</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'Sports Journalism'.</p> <p>Thursday 14th May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'Sports Journalism.'</p> <p>Friday 15th May 2026 (LTG) Complete all tasks and attached activities on the PP titled 'Sports profile'.</p> <p>Homework: Complete a mock interview with a footballer of your choice.</p>
8.8	Miss Hunter	<p>Monday 11th May Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'Sports Journalism.'</p> <p>Tuesday 12th May Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'Sports Journalism.'</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'Sports Journalism.'</p>

		<p>Thursday 14th May Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'Sports Journalism.'</p> <p>Homework: Prepare for spelling test, list provided in lesson.</p>
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Year 9

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What is your child learning this term?

This term, Year 9 pupils will explore two classic texts from English literature, developing their reading, analytical and critical thinking skills. They will begin with Romeo and Juliet, where they will study the plot, characters and themes, before closely analysing key scenes from Act 1. Later in the term, pupils will build on these skills as they move on to study A Christmas Carol, deepening their understanding of character, context and writer's methods.

Resources available:

Senecalarning.co.uk

Bbcbitesize.co.uk

KS3 revision guides

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Class	Teacher	Lessons, including deadlines & resources
9.1	Mrs Dhansey	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks and activities outlined on 'Romeo and Juliet'. Thursday 13th May (SUJ) Continue with work on Ace of Spades. Homework: Complete a character profile on Romeo and Juliet.</p>
9.2	Miss Mohamed and Miss Saiyed	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 (Miss Saiyed) Complete all tasks in the PPT – A Christmas Carol. Monday 11th May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks in the PPT – Romeo and Juliet. Thursday 14th May 2026 (Miss Saiyed) Complete all tasks in the PPT – A Christmas Carol. Homework – Complete character profiles of Romeo and Juliet.</p>
9.3	Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 Complete all tasks and attached activities on the PP titled 'Romeo + Juliet'. Thursday 14th May 2026 Complete all tasks and attached activities on the PP titled 'Romeo + Juliet'. Homework – Complete character profiles of Romeo and Juliet.</p>
9.4	Mrs Ali & Miss Shami	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 (JAS) Complete all tasks and attached activities on the PP titled 'Romeo + Juliet'. Homework: Complete your character profile on Juliet and the Nurse. Thursday 14th May 2026 (LTG) Complete all tasks and attached activities on the PP titled "Reading Concept"</p>
9.5	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 11th May (SUJ) Complete tasks on the Prologue of Romeo and Juliet. Wednesday 12th May (SUJ) Complete tasks on the Prologue of Romeo and Juliet. Friday 15th May 2026 (Miss Castleton) A Christmas Carol Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities</p>

		Homework: write an analysis of quotations from The Prologue.
9.6	Ms Sadique & Miss Mohamed	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 (Ms Sadique) Romeo & Juliet – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks in the PPT – A Christmas Carol.</p> <p>Friday 15th May 2026 (Ms Sadique) Romeo & Juliet – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Homework:</p>
9.7	Mrs Dhansey	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks and activities outlined on ‘Romeo and Juliet’.</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks and activities outlined on ‘Romeo and Juliet’.</p> <p>Friday 15th May 2026 (Miss Saiyed) Read Act 2, scenes 1 and 2 of the play and work through the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Homework: Complete a character profile on Romeo and Juliet.</p>
9.8	Miss Hunter & Miss Shami	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 (JAS) Complete all tasks and attached activities on the PP titled ‘ACC’.</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on ‘Romeo and Juliet.’</p> <p>Friday 15th May (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on ‘Romeo and Juliet.’</p>

Year 10

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What is your child learning this term?

This half term, year 10 pupils will be focusing on Language Paper 1 – Section A: Reading; Section B: Writing in preparation for their End of Year (EOY) exams. Pupils will study a range of fiction texts, where they look at analysis and meaning of texts. For English Literature, pupils will focus on the Literature Paper 1 texts – Romeo and Juliet, A Christmas Carol. They will recap the plot of the play, analyse characters, and start to look at themes and language. With the poetry, pupils will focus on selected poems for the GCSE and continue the preparation for the exams.

Resources available:

Senecalearning.co.uk

BBCbitesize.co.uk

GCSE Pod

Pupils will be expected to read independently at home for 20 minutes minimum each night. Homework will be set by individual teachers.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including deadlines & resources
10.1	Mrs Jagpal and Mr Harrison	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 (Mr Harrison) English Language Paper 1 question 4</p> <p>Tuesday 12th May (SUJ) ACC revision – Staves 1 and 2.</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May 2026 (Mr Harrison) English Language Paper 1 question 5</p> <p>Thursday</p>
10.2	Miss Hunter	<p>Monday 11th May Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on ‘Language Paper 1.’</p> <p>Tuesday 12th May Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on ‘Romeo and Juliet.’</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on ‘Romeo and Juliet.’</p> <p>Thursday 14th May Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on ‘Language Paper 1.’</p> <p>Homework: Revise for EOY exams, all resources provided in lessons.</p>
10.3	Mrs Ali	<p>Monday 11th May Language Paper 1 Complete Section A</p> <p>Tuesday 12th May Language Paper 1 Complete Section A</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May Language Paper 1 Complete Section B</p> <p>Thursday 14th May</p>

		<p>Language Paper 1 Complete Section B</p> <p>Homework: Revision for EOY exams</p>
10.4	Miss Mohamed and Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 (Miss Castleton) A Christmas Carol Revision Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities</p> <p>Thursday 14th May 2026 (Miss Castleton) A Christmas Carol Revision Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities</p> <p>Tuesday 12th May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Language Paper 1 - Q3</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Language Paper 1 – Q4 & 5.</p> <p>Homework – Revision for EOY exams.</p>
10.5	Mrs Dhansey & Ms Sadique	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 (Ms Sadique) Language Paper 1 – Question 4.</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May 2026 (Ms Sadique) Language Paper 1 – Question 4 & 5.</p> <p>Thursday 14th May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks and activities outlined on ‘Revision - Romeo and Juliet’.</p> <p>Friday 15th May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks and activities outlined on ‘Revision - Romeo and Juliet’.</p> <p>Homework: Continue with independent revision for EOY exams.</p>
10.6	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Hunter	<p>Monday 11th May (SUJ) A Christmas Carol revision – stave 1 and 2.</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May (SUJ) A Christmas Carol revision – stave 1 and 2.</p> <p>Thursday 14th May (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on ‘Language Paper 1.’</p> <p>Friday 15th May (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on ‘Language Paper 1.’</p>
10.7	Miss Shami & Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 (JAS) Complete all tasks and attached activities on the PP titled ‘ACC’.</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May (NIA) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on ‘Language Paper 1.’</p> <p>Thursday 14th May 2026 (JAS) Complete all tasks and attached activities on the PP titled ‘ACC’.</p> <p>Friday 15th May (NIA) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on ‘Language Paper 1.’</p>

		Homework: Independent revision for EOY exams
10.8	Miss Mohamed & Mr Edwards	<p>Monday 11th May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Language Paper 1 – Q3</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May (Mr Edwards) Fate in Romeo and Juliet – complete the planning grid</p> <p>Thursday 14th May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Language Paper 1 – Q4 & 5.</p> <p>Friday 15th May (Mr Edwards) Poverty in A Christmas Carol</p> <p>Homework – Revision for EOY exams.</p>

Year 11

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What is your child learning this term?

This half term, year 11 pupils will continue to revise for their GCSE examinations. In English Language, pupils will focus on Language Papers 1 and 2. Pupils will be expected to analyse language and structure of unseen fiction and non-fiction texts, and write their own descriptive or narrative pieces as well as a non-fiction article or speech. For English Literature, pupils will focus on revision for all of the set texts.

Resources available:

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BBCbitesize.co.uk

GCSE Pod

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Class	Teacher	Lessons, including deadlines & resources
11.1	Mr Edwards and Miss Shami	<p>Tuesday 12th May (Mr Edwards) Power of Nature poems from the anthology</p> <p>Thursday 14th May (Mr Edwards) Arthur Birling and the theme of social responsibility</p> <p>Friday 15th May 2026 (JAS) Language Paper 2 Recap + Revision</p> <p>Homework See revision plan on Teams</p>
11.2	Ms Sadique and Mr Harrison	<p>Tuesday 12th May 2026 (Mr Harrison) English Language Paper 1 question 5</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May 2026 (Ms Sadique) Poetry Anthology revision.</p> <p>Thursday 14th May 2026 (Mr Harrison) English Language Paper 1 final revision</p> <p>Friday 15th May 2026 (Ms Sadique) Unseen poetry revision.</p> <p>Homework: Revision Literature Paper 2.</p>
11.3	Miss Mohamed	<p>Tuesday 12th May 2026 English Language Paper 1 - Revision</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May 2026 English Literature Paper 2 – Revision.</p> <p>Thursday 14th May 2026 English Language Paper 1 – Revision.</p> <p>Friday 15th May 2026 English Literature Paper 2 – Revision.</p> <p>Homework – Continue revising independently for exams.</p>
11.4	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Ahmed	<p>Tuesday 12th May 2026 English Language Paper 1 - Revision</p> <p>Wednesday 13th May 2026 English Literature Paper 2 – Revision.</p> <p>Thursday 14th May</p>

		Revision for literature paper 2. Friday 15th May Revision for literature paper 2.
11.5	Mrs Dhansey and Miss Hunter	Monday 11th May (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'An Inspector Calls.' Wednesday 13th May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks and activities outlined on 'Revision - Language Paper 1'. Thursday 14th May (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks outlined in PowerPoint on 'Power and Conflict Poetry.' Friday 15th May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks and activities outlined on 'Revision - Language Paper 1'. Homework: Independent revision Literature Paper 2
11.6	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Ahmed	Monday 11th May 2026 English Lit Paper 2 – Revision. Thursday 14th May 2026 English Literature Paper 2 – Revision. Wednesday 13th May Continue revision for Language paper 1. Friday 15th May Continue revision for Language paper 1.
11.7	Mrs Ali	Monday 11th May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) English Language Paper 1 – Revision. Friday 15th May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) English Literature Paper 2 – Revision. Homework: Independent revision Literature Paper 2
11.8	Miss Shami and Miss Castleton	Monday 11th May 2026 (Miss Castleton) Language Paper 2 Revision Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities Wednesday 13th May 2026 (Miss Castleton) Language Paper 2 Revision Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities Thursday 14th May 2026 (JAS) Power + Conflict Revision Friday 15th May 2026 (JAS) Power + Conflict Revision Homework: Independent revision Literature Paper 2

6th Form

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What is your child learning this term?

This half term, pupils in year 12 will develop their understanding of the three set texts for A Level: *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Othello* and *The Great Gatsby*. Year 12 will also finish reading their first stimulus text for coursework.

In year 13, pupils will prepare for the second phase of PPEs. They will be examined on all elements of the two exam papers: The non-fiction Anthology; *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Unseen non-fiction; *Othello* and *The Great Gatsby*. Year 13 will also complete their second coursework piece before half term.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including deadlines & resources
Year 12A	Mr Edwards Ms Sadique	Monday 11th May (Mr Edwards) Unseen non-fiction revision Thursday 14th May 2026 (Ms Sadique) A Streetcar Named Desire – revision. Friday 15th May 2026 (Ms Sadique) A Streetcar Named Desire – revision. Homework: End of year exam revision.
Year 13A	Mr Edwards Mr Harrison	Monday 11th May (Mr Edwards) Othello and Gatsby revision – planning grids Tuesday 12th May 2026 Independent revision for Paper 2 Friday 15th May 2026 Independent revision for Paper 2 Homework Unseen non-fiction: timed response