

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 half-term, pupils will study an introduction of Shakespeare where they explore the theme of **'Shakespearean Comedic Play,'** delving into the tragedy of Much Ado about Nothing, pupils will have the opportunity to look at the plot, characters and themes.

Additionally, pupils will concentrate on mastering specific punctuation techniques and expanding their Tier 2 vocabulary, with a focused approach each week to enhance their writing proficiency.

Resources available:

Senecalearning.co.uk

Bcbitesize.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 March and April Tier 2 spellings. Homework will be set by individual teachers.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including deadlines & resources
7.1	Miss Mohamed and Miss Castleton	Monday 23rd March 2026 (Miss Mohamed) A Midsummer Night's Dream - Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Tuesday 24th March 2026 (Miss Mohamed) A Midsummer Night's Dream - Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Wednesday 25th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Reading Lesson Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.
7.2	Miss Ahmed	Monday 23rd March 2026 Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 8 Tuesday 24th March 2026 Much Ado About Nothing – CRAFT lesson Homework: Complete reading task
7.3	Mrs Dhansey and Mrs Jagpal	Tuesday 24th March Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 7 Thursday 26th March Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 8 Friday 27th March Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 9 Homework

		Themes in Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing - Much Ado About Nothing - Shakespeare - KS3 English - Bitesize - BBC Bitesize Read all sections and complete the test at the end.
7.4	Miss Shami	<p>Tuesday 24th March Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 7</p> <p>Thursday 26th March Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 8</p> <p>Friday 27th March Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 9</p> <p>Homework Themes in Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing - Much Ado About Nothing - Shakespeare - KS3 English - Bitesize - BBC Bitesize Read all sections and complete the test at the end.</p>
7.5	Mr Edwards	<p>Tuesday 24th March Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 7</p> <p>Thursday 26th March Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 8</p> <p>Friday 27th March Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 9</p> <p>Homework Themes in Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing - Much Ado About Nothing - Shakespeare - KS3 English - Bitesize - BBC Bitesize Read all sections and complete the test at the end.</p>
7.6	Miss Castleton	<p>Tuesday 24th March 2026 CRAFT Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March 2026 Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 26th March 2026 Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
7.7	Mrs Ali	<p>Tuesday 24th March Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 7</p> <p>Thursday 26th March Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 8</p> <p>Friday 27th March Much Ado About Nothing Lesson 9</p> <p>Homework Themes in Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing - Much Ado About Nothing - Shakespeare - KS3 English - Bitesize - BBC Bitesize Read all sections and complete the test at the end.</p>
7.8	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 23rd March Complete activities on Much Ado About Nothing.</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March</p>

		<p>Complete activities on Much Ado About Nothing.</p> <p>Thursday 26th March</p> <p>Complete activities on Much Ado About Nothing.</p>
7.N	Ms Lynch	<p>Tuesday 24th March</p> <p>Complete set tasks based on Shakespeare PPT</p> <p>Thursday 26th March</p> <p>Complete set tasks based on Shakespeare PPT</p> <p>Friday 27th March</p> <p>Complete set tasks based on Shakespeare PPT</p> <p>Homework: Complete reading tasks</p>

Year 8

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What is your child learning this term?

This will be followed by Shakespeare's tragedies with the pupils focusing on Macbeth. Pupils will receive an insight into the whole play and ensure they have a clear understanding of the characters, plot and themes, as well as begin to understand the language used by Shakespeare for effect. Pupils will centre their exploration of Shakespeare's craft on key scenes surrounding Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. Pupils will also be able to cement an understanding of the context around the play.

Resources available:

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. Homework will be set by individual teachers.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including deadlines & resources
8.1	Mrs Ali	<p>Wednesday 25th March (Mr Edwards) Read the article and complete the comprehension and writing tasks which follow: Louis Theroux takes on the manosphere (Reading Level 4-5) - The Day</p>
8.2	Mr Harrison	<p>Monday 23rd March 2026 CRAFT Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Friday 27th March 2026 Non-fiction reading Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
8.3	Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 23rd March 2026 CRAFT Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Friday 27th March 2026 Non-fiction reading Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
8.4	Ms Lynch	<p>Thursday 26th March Macbeth - Assessment</p>

		<p>Friday 27th March Ghost Boys - Reading Lesson</p> <p>Homework: Seneca learning</p>
8.5	Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 23rd March 2026 Macbeth - Assessment Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Tuesday 24th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 26th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework: Complete quote explosions.</p>
8.6	Miss Mohamed and Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 23rd March 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Tuesday 24th March 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 26th March 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework: Complete quote explosions.</p>
8.7	Mrs Dhansey and Mrs Jagpal	<p>Tuesday 24th March Complete activities on Macbeth</p>
8.8	Miss Hunter	<p>Thursday 26th March Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework: Complete quote explosions.</p>

Year 9

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What is your child learning this term?

This term pupils will have the opportunity to study poetry. Pupils will read, annotate, analyse and critique poetry by a range of poets and from various time periods. They will be expected to draw on their poetic knowledge from Years 7 and 8 and recognise poetic devices. Writing about them in essays. Pupils will also have the opportunity to write their own poetry and be a part of performance poetry.

Resources available:

Senecalearning.co.uk

Bbcbitesize.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
9.1	Mrs Dhansey	<p>Tuesday 24th March 2026 Unseen Poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March 2026 Unseen Poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Friday 26th March 2026 Unseen Poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework: Complete Unseen Poetry question set.</p>
9.2	Miss Mohamed	<p>Tuesday 24th March 2026 Unseen Poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March 2026 Unseen Poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Friday 26th March 2026 Unseen Poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework: Complete Unseen Poetry question set.</p>
9.3	Miss Ahmed	<p>Tuesday 24th March 2026 Unseen Poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March 2026 Unseen Poetry</p>

		<p>Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Friday 26th March 2026 Unseen Poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework: Complete quote explosions.</p>
9.4	Mrs Ali & Miss Shami	<p>Thursday 26th March 2026 (LTG) Complete the PowerPoint “poetic devices” Complete PowerPoint and attached tasks and activities.</p>
9.5	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 23rd March Complete activities on ‘No Problem.’ Wednesday 25th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Unseen Poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Thursday 26th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Unseen Poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Friday 27th March Complete activities on Unseen Poetry.</p>
9.6	Ms Sadique & Miss Mohamed	<p>Monday 23rd March 2026 (Ms Sadique) Unseen poetry: complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Wednesday 25th March 2026 (Ms Sadique) Unseen poetry: complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Thursday 26th March 2026 (Ms Sadique) Unseen poetry: complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Friday 27th March 2026 (Ms Sadique) Unseen Poetry: complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Homework:</p>
9.7	Mrs Dhansey	
9.8	Miss Hunter & Miss Shami	

Year 10

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What is your child learning this term?

This half term, year 10 pupils will be focusing on analysing non-fiction texts in preparation for GCSE English Language Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives. Pupils will study a range of non-fiction texts, including letters, speeches, articles and diaries. For English Literature, pupils will focus on the modern play An Inspector Calls and the Poetry Anthology. 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	Tuesday 24th March Complete activities on the Poetry anthology. Wednesday 25th March Complete activities on the Poetry anthology
10.2	Miss Hunter	Tuesday 24th March Complete all tasks and activities in 'Language P2 – Section B.' Wednesday 25th March Complete all tasks and activities in 'Language P2 – Section B.' Friday 27th March Complete all tasks and activities in 'Power and Conflict Poetry.'
10.3	Mrs Ali	
10.4	Miss Mohamed and Miss Castleton	Tuesday 24th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) My Last Duchess Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Wednesday 25th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) My Last Duchess Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Wednesday 25th March 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks and activities in 'Language P2 – Section B'. Friday 27th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) CRAFT Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.

10.5	Mrs Dhansey & Ms Sadique	Monday 23rd March 2026 (Ms Sadique) English Language Paper 2 Section B: complete the writing task. Homework:
10.6	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Hunter	Monday 23rd March (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks and activities in 'Language P1 – Section B'. Tuesday 24th March Complete activities on the Poetry anthology Friday 27th March Complete activities on the Poetry anthology
10.7	Miss Shami & Miss Ahmed	Tuesday 24th March 2026 NIA Complete all tasks and activities in 'Language P2'.
10.8	Miss Mohamed & Mr Edwards	Monday 23rd March (Mr Edwards) Charge of the Light Brigade and Remains Tuesday 24th March (Mr Edwards) Ozymandias Friday 27th March 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks and activities in 'Language P2 – Section B'. Homework – Complete Language Paper 2 practice paper over the easter break.

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

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
11.1	Mr Edwards and Miss Shami	<p>Wednesday 25th March (Mr Edwards) Work through Language Paper 1 in Teams – Section A</p> <p>Thursday 26th March (Mr Edwards) Work through Language Paper 1 in Teams – Section B</p>
11.2	Ms Sadique and Mr Harrison	<p>Tuesday 24th March 2026 (Ms Sadique) Poetry Anthology: drafting comparative paragraphs.</p> <p>Thursday 25th March 2026 (Ms Sadique) Poetry Anthology: drafting comparative paragraphs.</p> <p>Homework: Poetry revision.</p>
11.3	Miss Mohamed	<p>Tuesday 24th March 2026 Power and Conflict – Complete tasks in PPT.</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March 2026 Power and Conflict – Complete tasks in PPT.</p> <p>Thursday 26th March 2026 Language Paper 2 – Section B. Complete tasks in PPT.</p> <p>Homework – Poetry revision.</p>
11.4	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Ahmed	<p>Tuesday 24th March Complete tasks on A Christmas Carol.</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March NIA Work through Language Paper 1 – Section A</p> <p>Thursday 26th March NIA Work through Language Paper 1 – Section B Complete tasks on A Christmas Carol.</p>
11.5	Miss Hunter and Mrs Dhansey	<p>Monday 23rd March (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks and activities in ‘An Inspector Calls – male characters.’</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks and activities in ‘An Inspector Calls – male characters and key themes.’</p>

		<p>Thursday 26th March (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks and activities in 'Power and Conflict Poetry – recalling information.'</p> <p>Homework: Revise all aspects of work this week.</p>
11.6	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 23rd March 2026 NIA R&J: drafting comparative paragraphs.</p> <p>Tuesday 24th March 2026 NIA Unseen Poetry: drafting comparative paragraphs.</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March Complete Language Paper 1 – exam practice paper.</p> <p>Thursday 26th March 2026 NIA Poetry Anthology: drafting comparative paragraphs. Complete Language Paper 1 – exam practice paper.</p> <p>Homework: Complete essay on given topic.</p>
11.7	Mrs Ali	<p>Monday 23rd March 2026 Power and Conflict – Complete tasks in PPT.</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March 2026 Power and Conflict – Complete tasks in PPT.</p> <p>Thursday 26th March 2026 Language Paper 2 – Section B. Complete tasks in PPT.</p> <p>Homework – Poetry revision.</p>
11.8	Miss Shami and Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 23rd March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Language Paper 2 recap and revision</p> <p>Tuesday 24th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Language Paper 2 recap and revision</p> <p>Thursday 26th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Language paper 2 recap and revision</p>

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 February half term.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including deadlines & resources
Year 12A	Mr Edwards Ms Sadique	Monday 23rd March (Mr Edwards) Complete Cold War Project Tuesday 24th March 2026 (Ms Sadique) A Streetcar Named Desire – analysis of key sections of the text. Friday 27th March (Mr Edwards) Work through Language Paper 1 in Teams – Section A Homework Work through Language Paper 1 in Teams – Section A
Year 13A	Mr Edwards Mr Harrison	Tuesday 24th March (Mr Edwards) Unseen non-fiction analysis – Gym or Pub article Friday 27th March (Mr Edwards) Continue final drafts of coursework Homework Complete final drafts of coursework