

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	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks and activities in PPT – War Horse</p> <p>Tuesday 28th April 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks and activities in PPT – War Horse</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks and activities in PPT – War Horse</p> <p>Homework – Complete Seneca tasks set.</p>
7.2	Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 Complete all tasks and activities in PPT – Lesson 5</p> <p>Tuesday 28th April 2026 Complete all tasks and activities in PPT – Lesson 6 and 7</p>
7.3	Mrs Dhansey and Mrs Jagpal	<p>Tuesday 28th April 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks and activities in PPT – TBITSP.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April (SUJ) Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – lesson 1</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks and activities in PPT – TBITSP.</p> <p>Homework – Complete Seneca tasks set.</p>
7.4	Miss Shami	<p>Tuesday 28th April 2026 SMSC Day</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 Complete all tasks and activities in PPT – TBITSP.</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 Complete all tasks and activities in PPT – TBITSP.</p> <p>Homework – Complete your propaganda poster independently.</p>
7.5	Mr Edwards	<p>Tuesday 28th April (Mr Edwards) War Horse Lesson 5</p>

		<p>Wednesday 29th April 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks and activities in PPT – Reading Lesson.</p> <p>Friday 1st May (Mr Edwards) War Horse Lesson 6</p>
7.6	Miss Castleton	<p>Wednesday 29th April 2026 Lesson 8- Chapter 7 BITSP Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 Lesson 9 Chapter 8-10 BITSP Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
7.7	Mrs Ali and Miss Hunter	<p>Monday 27th April (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks and activities in PPT – Reading Lesson.</p> <p>Tuesday 28th April (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks and activities in PPT – Reading Lesson.</p>
7.8	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 27th April Continue with activities on ‘War Prose – War Horse.’</p> <p>Tuesday 28th April SMSC DAY</p>
7.N	Ms Lynch	<p>Tuesday 28th April Complete all tasks and activities outlined in ‘War Prose’ PPT</p> <p>Thursday 30th April Complete all tasks and activities outlined in ‘War Prose’ PPT</p> <p>Friday 1st May Complete all tasks and activities outlined in ‘War Prose’ PPT</p> <p>Homework: Complete the READING set tasks based on the 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:

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>Monday 27th April 2026 Lesson 6- Sports Journalism Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 Lesson 7- Article Writing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 Lesson 8- Representation Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
8.2	Mr Harrison	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 Journalism – article writing and text features</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April 2026 Journalism – newspaper articles 2</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 Journalism – newspaper articles 3</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 Sports journalism</p>
8.3	Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 Lesson 6- Sports Journalism Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 Lesson 7- Article Writing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 Lesson 8- Representation Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
8.4	Ms Lynch	<p>Thursday 30th April Complete all tasks and activities outlined in ‘Sport Journalism’</p> <p>Friday 1st May Complete all tasks and activities outlined in ‘Sport Journalism’</p> <p>Homework: use the link below to complete activities 1-3 from BBC webpage</p>

8.5	Miss Ahmed	<p>Wednesday 29th April 2026 Lesson 7- Article Writing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 Lesson 8- Article Writing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
8.6	Miss Mohamed and Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 (Miss Castleton) Lesson 3- Article Writing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Lesson 2 – Modern Plays. Complete all activities in the PPT.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 (Miss Castleton) Lesson 4- Article Writing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework – Complete Seneca tasks set.</p>
8.7	Mrs Dhansey and Mrs Jagpal	<p>Monday 27th April (SUJ) Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities on ‘Sports Journalism’.</p> <p>Tuesday 28th April (SUJ) SMSC DAY</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities on ‘Sports Journalism’.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities on ‘Sports Journalism’.</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 (LTG) “Reading Lesson” Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities on ‘Sports Journalism’.</p> <p>Homework: Complete research on an influential sports figure.</p>
8.8	Miss Hunter	<p>Monday 27th April Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities on ‘Sports Journalism’.</p> <p>Tuesday 28th April Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities on ‘Sports Journalism’.</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities on ‘Sports Journalism’.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities on ‘Sports Journalism’.</p>

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 27th April 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks in the PPT – Romeo and Juliet.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April (SUJ) Continue with tasks on Ace of Spades and narrative writing. Homework – Complete Seneca tasks set.</p>
9.2	Miss Mohamed and Miss Saiyed	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 (QMS) Complete all tasks in the PPT- A Christmas Carol</p> <p>Monday 27th April 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks in the PPT – Romeo and Juliet.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April (QMS) Complete all tasks in the PPT- A Christmas Carol Homework – Complete Seneca tasks set.</p>
9.3	Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 Lesson 4 – Romeo and Juliet. Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 Lesson 5 – Romeo and Juliet. Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
9.4	Mrs Ali & Miss Shami	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 (JAS) Romeo and Juliet - Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April (LTG) Reading Lesson Complete chapter from previous lesson</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 (JAS) Romeo and Juliet - Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework: Revision poster</p>
9.5	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 27th April (SUJ) Continue with activities on Romeo and Juliet.</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April (SUJ) Continue with activities on Romeo and Juliet.</p>

		<p>Friday 1st May 2026 (Miss Castleton) Lesson 5- A Christmas Carol Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
9.6	Ms Sadique & Miss Mohamed	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 (Ms Sadique) Romeo & Juliet: complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Wednesday 29th April 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks in the PPT – A Christmas Carol. Friday 1st May 2026 (Ms Sadique) Romeo & Juliet: complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Homework:</p>
9.7	Mrs Dhansey	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks in the PPT – Romeo and Juliet. Wednesday 29th April 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete all tasks in the PPT – Romeo and Juliet. Friday 1st May 2026 (QMS) Finish reading Act 1 of Romeo and Juliet. Homework – Complete Seneca tasks set.</p>
9.8	Miss Hunter & Miss Shami	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 (JAS) Complete all tasks in the PPT – A Christmas Carol. Wednesday 29th April (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks in the PPT – Romeo and Juliet. Friday 1st May (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks in the PPT – 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	Monday 27th April (NJH) English language Paper 1 question 2 Tuesday 28th April (SUJ) SMSC Day Wednesday 29th April (NJH) English language Paper 1 question 3 and 4 Thursday 30th April (SUJ) Continue with revision on Romeo and Juliet – Tybalt and Mercutio's conflict.
10.2	Miss Hunter	Monday 27th April Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Tuesday 28th April Literature Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Wednesday 29th April Literature Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Thursday 30th April Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.
10.3	Mrs Ali	Monday 27th April Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Tuesday 28th April Literature Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Wednesday 29th April Literature Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Thursday 30th April Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.
10.4	Miss Mohamed and Miss Castleton	Monday 27th April 2026 (Miss Castleton) Lesson 6- Romeo and Juliet revision Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Tuesday 28th April 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete tasks in the PPT – LP1, Section A. Wednesday 29th April 2026 (Miss Mohamed)

		<p>Complete tasks in the PPT – LP1, Section A</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 (Miss Castleton)</p> <p>Lesson 7- Romeo and Juliet Revision</p> <p>Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework – Complete Seneca tasks.</p>
10.5	Mrs Dhansey & Ms Sadique	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 (Ms Sadique)</p> <p>Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April (Ms Sadique)</p> <p>Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 (Mrs Dhansey)</p> <p>Literature Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 (Mrs Dhansey)</p> <p>Literature Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Homework: Complete revision in preparation for EOY exams.</p>
10.6	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Hunter	<p>Monday 27th April (SUJ)</p> <p>Continue with activities on Romeo and Juliet revision – Romeo's love for Juliet.</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April (SUJ)</p> <p>Continue with activities on Romeo and Juliet revision – Romeo's love for Juliet.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April (Miss Hunter)</p> <p>Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Friday 1st May (Miss Hunter)</p> <p>Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p>
10.7	Miss Shami & Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 (JAS)</p> <p>Literature Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April (NIA) double</p> <p>Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 (JAS)</p> <p>Literature Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Friday 1st May (NIA)</p> <p>Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Homework: Complete revision in preparation for EOY exams.</p>
10.8	Miss Mohamed & Mr Edwards	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 (Miss Mohamed)</p> <p>Complete tasks in the PPT – LP1, Section A.</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April (Mr Edwards)</p> <p>Poppies</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 (Miss Mohamed)</p> <p>Complete tasks in the PPT – LP1, Section A.</p> <p>Friday 1st May (Mr Edwards)</p> <p>Kamikaze</p> <p>Homework – Complete Seneca tasks set.</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:

Senecalearning.co.uk

BBCbitesize.co.uk

GCSE Pod

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Class	Teacher	Lessons, including deadlines & resources
11.1	Mr Edwards and Miss Shami	<p>Tuesday 28th May (Mr Edwards) Conflict in Romeo and Juliet</p> <p>Wednesday 29th May (Mr Edwards) Poverty in A Christmas Carol</p> <p>Thursday 30th May (Mr Edwards) Unseen Poetry</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 (JAS) Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Homework: Complete revision in preparation for your exams.</p>
11.2	Ms Sadique and Mr Harrison	<p>Tuesday 28th April (NJH) SMSC Day</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April 2026 (Ms Sadique) Romeo & Juliet – revision.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April (NJH) English Language paper 1 question 2 and 3</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 (Ms Sadique) Romeo & Juliet – revision. Homework: Literature Paper 1 revision.</p>
11.3	Miss Mohamed	<p>Wednesday 29th April 2026 Literature Paper 2 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 Language Paper 2 revision - complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 Literature Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Homework - Complete revision in preparation for your exams.</p>
11.4	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Ahmed	<p>Thursday 30th April (SUJ) Continue with revision for A Christmas Carol – stave 1.</p> <p>Friday 1st May (SUJ) Complete revision on fate and conflict on Romeo and Juliet.</p>
11.5	Mrs Dhansey and Miss Hunter	<p>Monday 27th April (Miss Hunter) Literature Paper 2 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p>

		<p>Wednesday 29th April (Mrs Dhansey) Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April (Miss Hunter) Literature Paper 2 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Friday 1st May (Mrs Dhansey) Language Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Homework: Complete revision in preparation for your exams.</p>
11.6	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 NIA Literature Paper 2 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April (SUJ) Language paper 1 Q4 revision.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 NIA Literature Paper 2 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Friday 1st May (SUJ) Language paper 1 Q4 revision.</p>
11.7	Mrs Ali	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Literature Paper 2 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April (Miss Hunter) Literature Paper 2 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Literature Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Homework - Complete revision in preparation for your exams.</p>
11.8	Miss Shami and Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 27th April 2026 (Miss Castleton) Language Paper 2 recap and revision Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April 2026 (Miss Castleton) Language Paper 2 recap and revision Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 2026 (JAS) Literature Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 (JAS) Literature Paper 1 revision – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Homework: Complete revision in preparation for your exams.</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 half term.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including deadlines & resources
Year 12A	Mr Edwards Ms Sadique	Monday 27th April (Mr Edwards) Daisy and Desdemona Thursday 30th April 2026 (Ms Sadique) A Streetcar Named Desire – end of year exam preparation. Friday 1st May 2026 (Ms Sadique) A Streetcar Named Desire – end of year exam preparation. Homework: Revision.
Year 13A	Mr Edwards Mr Harrison	Monday 27th April (Mr Edwards) Female characters in Othello and Gatsby Tuesday 28th April (NJH) SMSC Day Friday 1st May (NJH) Anthology exam revision – exemplar responses and question planning