

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 9th March 2026 (Miss Mohamed) A Midsummer Night's Dream Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Tuesday 10th March 2026 (Miss Mohamed) A Midsummer Night's Dream Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Thursday 12th March 2026 (Miss Mohamed) A Midsummer Night's Dream Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Homework – Complete Bedrock activities.
7.2	Miss Ahmed	Monday 9th March 2026 NIA Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Tuesday 10th March 2026 NIA Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.
7.3	Mrs Dhansey and Mrs Jagpal	Tuesday 10th March 2026 NBD Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Thursday 12th March 2026 (NBD) Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Homework: Complete a character profile for the different characters in Much Ado About Nothing.

7.4	Miss Shami	<p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
7.5	Mr Edwards	<p>Tuesday 10th March (Mr Edwards) Shakespeare INTRO</p> <p>Thursday 12th March (Mr Edwards) Shakespeare's language</p> <p>Friday 13th March (Mr Edwards) Much Ado 1 Homework Seneca tasks</p>
7.6	Miss Castleton	<p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Friday 13th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Much Ado About Nothing Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
7.7	Mrs Ali	<p>Monday 9th March Continue with activities on Much Ado About Nothing</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March Continue with activities on Much Ado About Nothing</p> <p>Thursday 12th March Continue with activities on Much Ado About Nothing</p> <p>Friday 13th March Continue with activities on Much Ado About Nothing Homework: Complete Seneca tasks on Shakespeare</p>
7.8	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 9th March Continue with activities on Much Ado About Nothing</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March Continue with activities on Much Ado About Nothing</p> <p>Thursday 12th March</p>

		<p>Continue with activities on Much Ado About Nothing</p> <p>Friday 13th March</p> <p>Continue with activities on Much Ado About Nothing</p> <p>Homework: Complete Seneca tasks on Shakespeare</p>
7.N	Ms Lynch	<p>Tuesday 10th March</p> <p>Complete set tasks from PPT Globe Theatre (2)</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March</p> <p>Complete set tasks from PPT Much Ado About Nothing</p> <p>Thursday 12th March</p> <p>Complete set tasks from PPT Much Ado About Nothing</p> <p>Homework: Read and answer 5 W questions from Matilda Chapter 15</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:

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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	Tuesday 10th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Wednesday 11th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Thursday 12th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.
8.2	Mr Harrison	Tuesday 10th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Wednesday 11th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Thursday 12th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.
8.3	Miss Castleton	Monday 9th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Wednesday 11th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Thursday 12th March 2026 Macbeth

		<p>Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Friday 13th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
8.4	Ms Lynch	<p>Week 3 Wednesday 11th March Complete set tasks on Macbeth Lesson 3 Thursday 12th March Complete set tasks on Macbeth Lesson 4 Friday 13th March Complete set tasks on Macbeth Lesson 5</p> <p>Homework: use the template to write a description of the witches in Macbeth</p>
8.5	Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 9th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework: Complete Macbeth plotline – fill in the gaps.</p>
8.6	Miss Mohamed and Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 9th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Tuesday 10th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Thursday 12th March 2026 Macbeth Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Homework – Complete Bedrock activities.</p>
8.7	Mrs Dhansey and Mrs Jagpal	<p>Tuesday 10th March (SUJ) Complete tasks on The Three Witches in Macbeth. Thursday 12th March 2026 (NBD) Complete all tasks and activities outlined on ‘Macbeth’.</p>
8.8	Miss Hunter	<p>Thursday 12th March Complete all tasks and activities outlined on ‘Macbeth.’</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

Bcbitesize.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 10th March 2026 Poetry – Lesson 6 Complete all activities and tasks on the attached PowerPoint.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 Poetry – Lesson 7 Complete all activities and tasks on the attached PowerPoint.</p> <p>Friday 13th March 2026 Poetry – Lesson 8 Complete all activities and tasks on the attached PowerPoint.</p> <p>Homework: Complete research on a poem of your choice.</p>
9.2	Miss Mohamed	<p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 Poetry – Lesson 6 Complete all activities and tasks on the attached PowerPoint.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 Poetry – Lesson 7 Complete all activities and tasks on the attached PowerPoint.</p> <p>Friday 13th March 2026 Poetry – Lesson 8 Complete all activities and tasks on the attached PowerPoint.</p> <p>Homework: Complete research on a poem of your choice.</p>
9.3	Miss Ahmed	<p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 Unseen poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 Unseen poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>

		<p>Friday 13th March 2026 Unseen poetry Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework: Annotate poem</p>
9.4	Mrs Ali & Miss Shami	<p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 (JAS) Reading Lesson – A Monster Calls</p> <p>Thursday 13th March 2026 (LTG) Complete SPAG & Poetic Devices Powerpoint Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p>
9.5	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 9th March (SUJ) Complete tasks on poetry.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Comparison to 'If' Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Comparison to 'If' Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Friday 13th March (SUJ) Complete tasks on poetry.</p> <p>Homework: Complete the analysis task set.</p>
9.6	Ms Sadique & Miss Mohamed	<p>Monday 9th March 2026 Poetry – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 Poetry – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 Poetry – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Friday 13th March 2026 Poetry – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Homework: Research task</p>
9.7	Mrs Dhansey	<p>Monday 9th March 2026 Poetry – Lesson 6 Complete all activities and tasks on the attached PowerPoint.</p> <p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 Poetry – Lesson 7 Complete all activities and tasks on the attached PowerPoint.</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 Poetry – Lesson 8 Complete all activities and tasks on the attached PowerPoint.</p> <p>Homework: Complete research on a poet of your choice.</p>
9.8	Miss Hunter & Miss Shami	<p>Monday 9th March 2026 (JAS) Poetry – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 (JAS) Poetry – complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Homework: Complete research on a poet of your choice.</p>

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 10th March (SUJ) Complete activities on Poetry Anthology Wednesday 11th March (SUJ) Complete activities on Poetry Anthology Friday 13th March 2026 (NJH) English Language Paper 2 question 4 Homework: Complete Seneca tasks on poetry.
10.2	Miss Hunter	Tuesday 10th March Complete all tasks and activities outlined on 'Language Paper 2 – Section B.' Wednesday 11th March Complete all tasks and activities outlined on 'Language Paper 2 – Section B.' Friday 13th March Complete all tasks and activities outlined on 'Power and Conflict Poetry.'
10.3	Mrs Ali	Tuesday 10th March 2026 Power and Conflict Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Wednesday 11th March 2026 Power and Conflict Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities. Wednesday 11th March 2026 Complete all tasks and activities outlined on 'Language Paper 2 – Section B.' Friday 13th March 2026

		Power and Conflict Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks.
10.4	Miss Mohamed and Miss Castleton	<p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Power and Conflict Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Power and Conflict Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 (Miss Mohamed) Complete all tasks and activities outlined on 'Language Paper 2 – Section B.'</p> <p>Friday 13th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Power and Conflict Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework – Language Paper 2 practice paper.</p>
10.5	Mrs Dhansey & Ms Sadique	<p>Monday 9th March 2026 (Ms Sadique) English Language Paper 2 Section B writing – complete writing task set.</p> <p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities on 'An Inspector Calls'.</p> <p>Friday 13th March 2026 (Mrs Dhansey) Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities on 'An Inspector Calls'.</p> <p>Homework: To complete research on the play and read Act 2.</p>
10.6	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Hunter	<p>Tuesday 10th March (SUJ) Complete tasks on Poetry Anthology.</p> <p>Friday 13th March (SUJ) Complete tasks on Poetry Anthology.</p>
10.7	Miss Shami & Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 9th March 2026 (JAS) Power and Conflict Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 NIA Language Paper 2: Section B Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Friday 13th March 2026 (JAS) Power and Conflict Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework: To complete research on a poem of your choice.</p>
10.8	Miss Mohamed & Mr Edwards	<p>Monday 9th March (Mr Edwards) Exposure</p> <p>Tuesday 10th March (Mr Edwards) Remains and Exposure</p> <p>Friday 13th March 2026 (KAM) Language Paper 2: Section B Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Homework – Language Paper 2 practice paper.</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 10th March 2026 (JAS) English Language Paper 1 – Revision</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March (Mr Edwards) Unseen Poetry Booklet – slides 1-6</p> <p>Thursday 12th March (Mr Edwards) Unseen Poetry Booklet – slides 7-9</p> <p>Homework GCSE Pod assignments</p>
11.2	Ms Sadique and Mr Harrison	<p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 (Ms Sadique) Poetry Anthology revision.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 (Mr Harrison) English Language Paper 2 question 4</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 (Ms Sadique) Poetry Anthology revision.</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 (Mr Harrison) English Language Paper 2 question 5</p> <p>Homework: Poetry Anthology revision.</p>
11.3	Miss Mohamed	<p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 Complete all tasks and activities outlined on ‘Unseen Poetry.’</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 Complete all tasks and activities outlined on ‘Unseen Poetry.’</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 Complete all tasks and activities outlined on ‘Power and Conflict.’</p> <p>Homework – Continue with your revision</p>
11.4	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Ahmed	<p>Tuesday 10th March Continue tasks on A Christmas Carol</p> <p>Wednesday 9th March 2026 NIA English Language Paper 1 Section A writing: complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p>

		<p>Thursday 10th March 2026 NIA English Language Paper 1 Section A writing: complete all tasks on the PowerPoint. Continue tasks on A Christmas Carol (SUJ)</p> <p>Homework: Continue with your revision.</p>
11.5	Mrs Dhansey and Miss Hunter	<p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 (NBD) English Language Paper 1 Section A writing: complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Tuesday 10th March (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks and activities outlined on 'Unseen Poetry.'</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks and activities outlined on 'Unseen Poetry.'</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 (NBD) English Language Paper 1 Section B writing: complete all tasks on the PowerPoint.</p> <p>Friday 13th March (Miss Hunter) Complete all tasks and activities outlined on 'Power and Conflict Poetry.'</p> <p>Homework: Continue with your revision.</p>
11.6	Mrs Jagpal and Miss Ahmed	<p>Monday 9th March 2026 NIA Poetry Anthology revision.</p> <p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 NIA Poetry Anthology revision.</p> <p>Thursday 11th March 2026 NIA Poetry Anthology revision.</p> <p>Homework: Poetry Anthology revision.</p>
11.7	Mrs Ali	<p>Monday 9th March 2026 Language paper 1 revision Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 Language paper 1 revision Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 Poetry Anthology revision.</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 Poetry Anthology revision.</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 Language paper 1 revision</p>

		Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.
11.8	Miss Shami and Miss Castleton	<p>Monday 9th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Language paper 1 revision Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Tuesday 10th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Language paper 1 revision Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th March 2026 (JAS) Poetry Anthology revision.</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 (JAS) Poetry Anthology revision.</p> <p>Thursday 12th March 2026 (Miss Castleton) Language paper 1 revision Complete PowerPoint and all attached tasks and activities.</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 9th March (Mr Edwards) Continue Churchill's Iron Curtain speech Tuesday 10th March 2026 (MS Sadique) A Streetcar Named Desire – Scene 3 analysis. Thursday 12th March 2026 (Ms Sadique) A Streetcar Named Desire – Scene 3 analysis. Homework: Continue reading and research for first coursework piece
Year 13A	Mr Edwards Mr Harrison	Monday 9th March 2026 (Mr Harrison) Anthology exam revision Tuesday 10th March (Mr Edwards) Analysis of Unseen non-fiction: Nicky Bandini article Wednesday 11th March 2026 (Mr Harrison) Anthology exam revision Homework: Continue improving final coursework drafts.