

TURTON

Year 7 Christmas Update

A Christmas update on what year 7 pupils have been learning this term, just in case they have entirely stopped talking to you by now and only have Christmas on the mind! Additional information about the Scholars' curriculum is in brackets. All of our knowledge organisers, detailing our curriculum are here: <https://www.turton.uk.com/ks3revision/>

- **English:** Coming of Age, The Graveyard Book, Gothic literature, The Fundamentals of Fiction, (*Daphne Du Maurier, H.G. Wells*)
- **Maths:** Algebraic notation, solving equations and inequalities, sequences, decimals and percentages
- **Science:** Animal Cells, Particle Models, Energy (*Calculating Density*)
- **History:** Kingdom of Benin, Normans, Medieval and Tudors (*Health/ Tudors*)
- **Faith&Ethics:** Hinduism, Trimurti, Reincarnation (*Plato/Socrates/Introduction to Philosophy*)
- **Geography:** Geography of Planet Earth, Map skills, settlements (*Relationship with other disciplines*)
- **Spanish:** Sound-spelling links; phonics; reading aloud.

(French: Sound spelling links. Developing listening skills. Giving your name, age and asking basic questions; Describing pets – using avoir)

(Latin: People, Houses and Daily Life; Nominative and Accusative Cases)

- **Drama:** Antigone, Greek Theatre, thought tracking, physicality (*Monologues, famous orators*)
- **PE:** Health and well being
- **Computing:** Digital devices, input, output, software (*CPU, logic diagrams*)
- **Music:** Elements of music, Pitch, & Keyboard performance
- **Technology:** Wood types/ Fibres to fabrics/balance diet (*Philosophy of design*)
- **Art:** The formal elements of art, Celtic design and The Book of Kells (*Egyptian/Cave/Medieval Art*)



“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

Winston Churchill



Update - Absence penalty notices

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to fines issued for unauthorised absence. These changes came into effect on 19 August 2024.

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days.
- A penalty notice must be considered at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, a 3rd offence means another course of action.

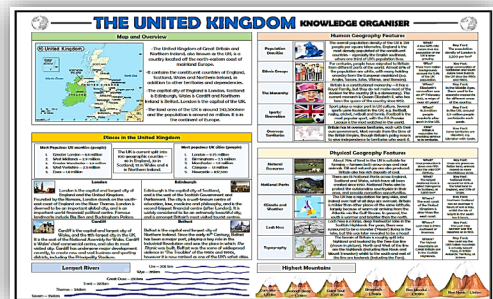
Miss Parry (Assistant Head)

A job well done

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming the silver-ties to Turton. They have blown me away with their resilience and their determination to fully immerse themselves in new routines and the Turton community. The group tutors are so pleased with the involvement in form time activities. Extra-curricular activities are in full swing, and they are particularly popular amongst the year 7s. Keep up the fantastic work.

Miss Allcock (Head of Year 7)

Learning top tip #1



Pupils should use their knowledge organisers to highlight what they are (and are not) confident with. That way they can ask for extra help with the topics that they are struggling with. They will be tested on everything at the end of the school year, so leave no stone unturned.

Mrs Lane (Assistant Head)

Curiosity Question - Geography

The North of Scotland is home to one of the most important coral reefs in the world, but Scotland is thousands of miles from the equator...how can this be?

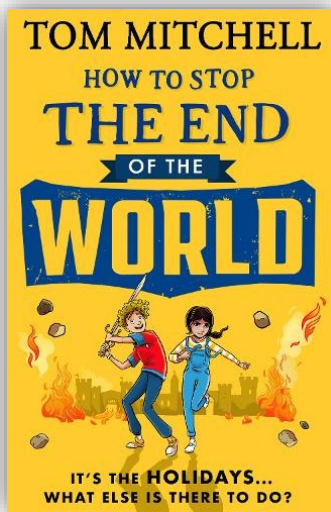
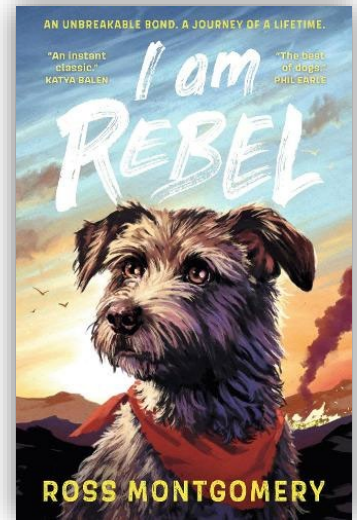
Mr Riley (Geography Teacher)

Recommends

I am Rebel by Ross Montgomery

Rebel is a good dog, and he loves his simple, perfect life on the farm with his owner Tom – until one day the war comes too close... Now Tom is determined to join the rebellion to defeat the king's men. But Rebel knows war is dangerous, and he will stop at nothing to save the human he loves. Rebel *must* bring Tom home before it's too late.

This heart-warming adventure about the unbreakable bond between a dog and his human is sure to capture your imagination.



How to Stop the End of the World by Tom Mitchell

Colin Coleridge is facing a long, boring summer holiday with NOTHING to do. But when he notices some weird markings outside his house, and some strangers acting VERY suspiciously in his neighbour's garden, he decides to investigate.

Before too long, Colin and his new friend Lucy have found themselves caught up in a mission involving an ancient sword, a mysterious curse, and a plan to SAVE THE WORLD... This hilariously funny adventure is fast-paced and action-packed, guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat right until the end!

Pop into the library to check out these exciting titles. Mrs Taylor (Librarian)

Jump in

Just to let you know about some of the marvellous things going on in January 2025 that pupils can get involved in to really make the most of their time at Turton. A full timetable of activities can be found here: <https://www.turton.uk.com/afterschool/>

Orchestra: 3-4pm Thursday (MU1)

Get yourself involved in the school's largest musical ensemble. Any instrument; any ability. We work towards school concerts and events. Many of the players are also starting to prepare for a performance in Italy in July, in a joint concert with another school!

Mr Parkinson (Head of Music)



Book Club: Year 7 Lunch, Mondays (Library)

Join our school book club for exciting discussions, new friendships, and to share in your love of reading. Check the year 7 announcements page on teams to find out this month's book. Pop into the library for more details. Mrs Taylor (Librarian)



Spotlight: A-level Geography

Each term we'll spotlight an A-level course at Turton, just in case pupils are wondering where excellent learning can take them. Information about all courses is available in our prospectus

here: <http://www.turtonsixthform.uk.com/>

Mrs Bali (Head of Sixth Form)



Geography

Why study Geography?

Geography at A Level allows you to deepen your knowledge of the world in which we live. We teach the dynamic processes of both physical and human geography which have shaped Earth. Over the two year course you will develop analytical skills, map work, numeracy and a clear understanding of how to think and write like a geographer. Students who take geography have a keen interest in current events and questioning minds which never stop wanting to know more about this fascinating planet.

Where does it lead?

This is a well-respected academic course, valued at the top universities, as a 'facilitating' subject. Many of our students go on to geography degrees as well as other areas. Within a geography degree there are many variations and areas of study such as environmental management, geology, biogeography, city planning, population change and sustainability.

Past students are now employed in education, the Environment Agency, town planning and further research at universities.

What does it go well with?

Geography will fit well with all subjects. However, many of our students also study History, Biology, English, Economics, Chemistry and Environmental Science.

Requirements

Geography is a content heavy subject. You therefore need a 5 in Geography at GCSE to have the prior knowledge and understanding to access the course at A-Level.

"Understanding the geography of health and disease helped illuminate the strengths and weaknesses of the UK response to the coronavirus pandemic." - Josh Stewart

The Course

A-LEVEL

You will follow the AQA course and study:

Year 12:

Contemporary Urban Environments - This unit looks at the how a greater proportion of the population are living in towns and cities.

Changing Places - This unit focuses on people's engagement with places, their experience of them and the qualities they ascribe to them, all of which are of fundamental importance in their lives.

Hazards - This unit discusses the theory of plate tectonics, and investigation of a variety of hazards including earthquakes, volcanoes, tropical storms and wild fires.

Glacial Systems and Landscapes - This section focuses on glaciated landscapes.

Year 13:

Water and Carbon Cycle - This unit analyses systems in physical geography, as well as the concepts and their application to the water and carbon cycles.

Global Governance and Global Systems - Students discover the impact of globalisation on people in the world today and how the world can be governed.

Coursework - Each student completes an individual piece of coursework of their choice which is worth 20% of final marks. There will be a variety of fieldtrips throughout the year including a residential at the end of Year 12.



Mr Locke



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"Geography blended with time equals destiny." - Joseph Brodsky

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