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Dear Parent/Carer,

Curriculum is at the heart of what we do at Tanfield School. The curriculum at Tanfield has been carefully sequenced to build powerful knowledge and application of that knowledge to support all students to achieve their sentence. To support conversations with your child about their subjects, please find an outline of the curriculum in each subject for the current Cycle 1. The information shared in this letter can also be found on the curriculum section of the website.

Each Cycle is 13 weeks and in week 7 we revise in lessons to prepare for assessments in weeks 8 and 9. For Y11 the Cycle 1 assessments will be full Mocks in the examination hall. Year 11. The homework students complete support learning of core knowledge and practise the recall and application of that knowledge. Please refer to the letter on Assessment Week and How to revise effectively for information on the assessments and revision support.

Cycle 1 Curriculum

Subject	Year 7 Curriculum Cycle 1
English	Origins of Literature (Myths and Legends) How do writers introduce and establish heroic characters?
Mathematics	Sequences Understand and use algebraic notation Equality and equivalence Place value and ordering integers and decimals Fraction, decimal and percentage equivalence
Science - Biology	Cells & Organisation
Science - Chemistry	Matter & Particle Model Matter & Separating Mixtures

Science - Physics	Forces Electricity & Magnetism
History	What does it mean to be a Historian? How far has England been shaped by Medieval migration and conquest?: Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, Normans. The crisis of 1066.
Geography	People and our planet; why do people choose to live in certain places, and how does this impact our world?
Design and Technology	Textiles - Bacteria buddy: Natural Fibres, Hand Techniques Food - Back to basics: Eatwell Guide, Basic Equipment & Materials Materials - Mechanisms Project: Movement, Cams, Timbers
French	All About Me (Part 1)
Computing	How do we keep safe online Cyberbullying & Grooming How Does a Computer Work? Hardware and Software Input & Output Devices
Music	Rhythm using Percussion and Wind Instruments
Art	Colour
Physical Education	Tanfield Sport Academy Invasion Games Cross Country Fitness

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Religious Education	What does it mean to be a religious believer?
PSHE	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -How can I keep good friendships and avoid toxic ones? -Exploring Identities and Similarities. -Family relationships: what are the different types and does it matter what kind of family I have? -Love and relationships: falling in love and dealing with new feelings. -Developing Sexual Feelings (includes references to masturbation and discovering who you are attracted to). -Bullying or banter? What is and isn't acceptable? -What is cyberbullying? How can we prevent it? -Identifying and Challenging Bullying. -How do we keep safe and positive relationships (on and off line)? -Evaluating Influences. -What is a community? -Exploring identities and differences.
Co-Curricular	Elective chosen from: meal planning, photography, enterprise activities, jewellery design, iDEA, Parkrun, boxing.

Subject	Year 8 Curriculum Cycle 1
English	<p>Victorian Literature: Crime and Mystery (Short Stories)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do writers create tension?



Mathematics	Ratio and scale Multiplicative change Multiplying and dividing fractions Working in the cartesian plane Representing data Tables & probability
Science - Biology	Plants & Photosynthesis Reproduction
Science - Chemistry	Chemical Reactions & Energetics
Science - Physics	Forces
History	How significant was the Tudor Dynasty and how should history remember them? The Wars of the Roses, Henry VII. Life in Tudor England including the order of being, the role of women and Black Tudors. Henry VIII, the Reformation, Elizabeth's 'golden age.'
Geography	Big global issues; what are the significant environmental problems that are affecting our planet?
Design and Technology	Textiles - Designer Influenced Mobile Phone Holder: CAD/CAM, Pop Art, Using Sewing Machines Food - Food Provenance, Sources and Seasonality, Cooking Relevant Dishes Resistant materials - Memphis design inspired photo frame, CAD/CAM, plastics
French	Free Time (Part 2) School Life (Part 1)

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Computing	How do we keep safe online - Hacking, Phishing, Encryption & Malware How Does a Computer Work? - Binary
Music	Reading and Writing Tablature for Guitar and Drum Kit
Art	Portraits
Physical Education	Tanfield Sport Academy Invasion Games Cross Country Fitness
Religious Education	Why is Jesus so important?
PSHE	Relationships: -Introduction to Relationships -Maintaining healthy family relationships -Healthy friendships -Romantic relationships -Physical intimacy -Introduction to contraception -How do we keep good sexual health and avoid STIs? -What is consent and why is it important we know about it? -Unhealthy relationships, boundaries and consent -What is sexting and why is it so risky to send personal images? -Relationships and intimacy online -Media influence



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Subject	Year 9 Curriculum Cycle 1
English	The Lord of the Flies (Novel) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do writers establish conflict?
Mathematics	Straight line graphs Forming and solving equations Testing conjectures Three-dimensional shapes Constructions and congruency
Science - Biology	Organisation
Science - Chemistry	Atomic Structure Periodic Table
Science - Physics	Forces Electricity & Magnetism
History	Was the Industrial Revolution the 'Dawn of Liberty'? Extent of change 1750-1900, living conditions and improvements, Whitechapel, changing roles and child labour. What did British Colonialism look like in the 18th and 19th century? Origins, methods of colonialism, case studies of India and Australia and interpretations of empire.



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Geography	Terrifying tectonics; how does tectonic activity affect people and the environment?
Design and Technology	Textiles - Oriental Inspired Night Light Shade Design: CAD, Repeat Patterns, Commercial Processes Food - Using an Increasingly Complex Range of Food Skills to Cook a Wider Range of dishes Electronics - Oriental Inspired Night Light Circuit and Casing: Electronic Components, Soldering, Using Sensors
French	Food & Drink
Computing	How do we keep safe online - Sexting, Radicalisation and Ethic of ICT
Music	Latin American Music
Art	Graphic Design
Physical Education	Tanfield Sport Academy Invasion Games Cross Country Fitness
Religious Education	How relevant is religion today?

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PSHE	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Who are the LGBTQ+ community and what would they like us to know? -Forms of discrimination and allyship -Developing sexuality and readiness for sex -Consent -Sexual health and STIs -Contraceptive methods -Sexual violence and harassment -Peer pressure, exploitation and knife crime -Child Sexual Exploitation – how are children and young people lured into dangerous relationships and what do these look like? -What is peer-pressure – why is it so powerful and how can we overcome this?
Co-curricular	Elective chosen from: sign language, meal planning, enterprise activities, jewellery design, karate, iDEA.

Subject	Year 10 Curriculum Cycle 1
English	<p>AQA English Literature 19th Century Novel: A Christmas Carol</p> <p>AQA English Language: Language Paper 1 - Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing</p>
Mathematics	<p>Congruency, similarity and enlargement</p> <p>Trigonometry</p> <p>Representing solutions of equations and inequalities</p> <p>Simultaneous equations</p>

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Science - Biology	Cell Biology Infection & Response
Science - Chemistry	Rate and Extent of Chemical Change
Science - Physics	Forces Particle Model & Matter
History	Edexcel Modern World Study: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939 (Paper 3, Option 31) Key Topic 1: The Weimar Republic 1918-1929 Key Topic 2: Hitler's Rise to Power 1919-1933 Key Topic 3: Nazi Control and Dictatorship 1933-1939
Geography	Challenges of Natural Hazards; tectonic hazards, weather hazards and climate change.
Design and Technology	Engineering - R015 Manufacturing a One Off Product Hospitality & Catering - Unit 2: Hospitality and catering in action
Health & Social Care	Outcome-focused and person centred-practice in health & social care Individual needs across the lifespan Types of care provisions and roles of key professionals Preparation for Unit 2 Coursework
French	Relationships Technology in Everyday Life
Creative iMedia	Photoshop Skills Creating a visual identity and digital graphic (Internally Assessed)

Enterprise	Exploring Enterprises (Internally Assessed Component)
Music	Cover Bands and Music Producers
Art	Natural World
Physical Education	Tanfield Sport Academy Invasion Games Cross Country Fitness
Religious Education	What is the morally right thing to do?
Film Studies	The Hurt Locker & The Filmmaker's Eye
Photography	Knowledge & Understanding: The Basic Rules of Composition Within Photography, Looking Closely at Six Elements of Photography (Line, Shape, Texture, Pattern, Colour & Space) Developing Practical Skills Through the Use of Photography Techniques and Processes (Lighting, Viewpoint, Aperture, Depth of Field, Shutter Speed & Movement)

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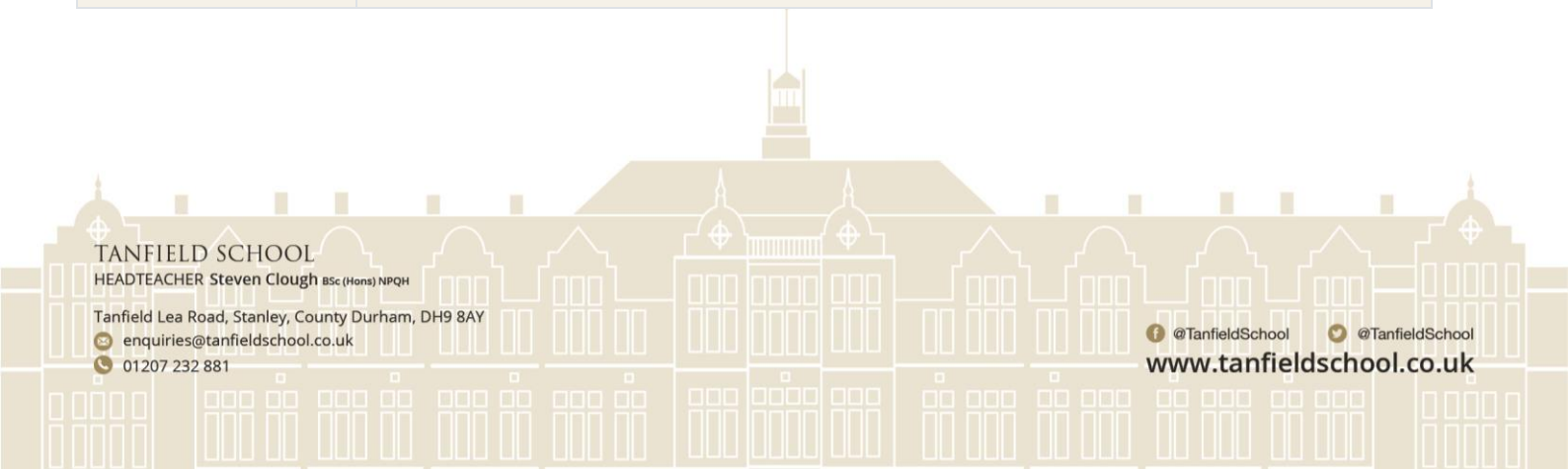
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PSHE	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Making decisions to have sex -Communication and vulnerability in relationships -Revenge Porn – what is this and how can we prevent ourselves from being victims? -Why do some people have same sex relationships and what is it like to be in one? -Why is it important that we learn about Sex, Gender and Trans identity? -Why do sexism, gender prejudice and stereotypes still exist? -What are forced and arranged marriages and what do we need to know? -Abusive relationships -Family relationships and value conflicts -Parenting, the different types and styles and looking after a child. -Becoming a parent - Pregnancy -Marriage and civil partnerships
Co-curricular	Elective chosen from: Money Management, jewellery design, karate, boxing, Parkrun, iDEA.

Subject	Y11 Curriculum Cycle 1
English	<p>AQA English Literature: Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology and "Unseen" Poetry</p> <p>AQA English Language Paper 1 and 2 (Revision and Exam Preparation)</p>
Mathematics	<p>Gradients & lines</p> <p>Non-linear graphs</p> <p>Using graphs</p> <p>Expanding & factorising</p> <p>Changing the subject</p> <p>Functions</p>

Science - Biology	Homeostasis
Science - Chemistry	Moles Hydrocarbons Chemical Analysis
Science - Physics	Forces
History	Edexcel Period Study: The American West (Paper 2, Option P3) Key Topic 3: Conflicts and conquest, c1876–c1895 Edexcel British Depth Study: Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88 (Paper 2, Option B4) Key Topic 1: Queen, government and religion, 1558–69
Geography	Changing Economic World; Global development, Nigeria and UK economy.
Design and Technology	Engineering - R014 - Principles of engineering manufacturing Hospitality and Catering - Unit 2: Hospitality and catering in action - NEA
Health & Social Care	Health & Well-being and development throughout the lifespan PIES - physical, intellectual, emotional, social development Life factors, choices and events Self concept and personal development Unit 1 Exam Preparation



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French	Healthy & Unhealthy Living (Part 2) Travel & Tourism
Creative iMedia	Creating an interactive media product (Internally Assessed) The Media Industry Factors influencing product design
Enterprise	Planning For & Pitching an Enterprise Activity (Internally Assessed Component) Financial Documents Financial Planning & Forecasting (Externally Assessed Component)
Music	Coursework - Component 2: Music Skills Development
Art	Detail/In the News
Physical Education	Tanfield Sport Academy Invasion Games Cross Country Fitness
Religious Education	How ethical is modern medicine?
Film Studies	Introduction to Screenwriting Screenwriting CA
Photography	Component 1 Continued

PSHE	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What is 'Good Sex'? -Developing sexuality and readiness for sex -Why is it essential we know about consent, rape and sexual abuse? -Privacy and consent -How can we manage break ups amicably and get over a broken heart? -Relationship types and sexuality -Gender norms -Gender identities -Appreciating diversity -Gender stereotypes and relationships -Sexual health and STIs -Parenthood and fertility- choices in parenthood, pregnancy and birth -Parenthood and fertility- routes to parenthood, infertility and miscarriages
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If you wish to discuss curriculum matters, please contact the relevant subject leader.

Regards,

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