



Learning

For a full breakdown of curriculum content for all subjects, visit our [Curriculum Maps](#) webpage.

ENGLISH:

Romeo and Juliet, and Non-Fiction Reading

Students will continue their study of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* for their English Literature GCSE, working towards an analysis of a key extract and the wider play in a GCSE style mock exam. Students will then move on to learn to compare the content and the attitudes of two non-fiction texts, in preparation for English Language Paper 2. They will learn strategies for approaching 19th century non-fiction.

MATHS:

Individual class focus for this term:

- **Mr Whitley's class:** *Probability and Similarity & Congruence*
- **Miss Morgan & Mrs Payne's class:** *Sequences & Graphs, Congruence & Similarity Maths Memory & mock exam preparation*
- **Mr Smytheman, Dr Taylor and Ms Twyford's classes:** *3D shapes, Maths Memory & mock exam preparation*
- **Mr Poolman's class:** *Algebra, 3D shapes, Maths Memory & mock exam preparation*

SEPARATE SCIENCES:

In **Biology**, students will study a topic on the nervous system. They will look at homeostasis, the nervous system, reflexes, the brain, the eye, and thermoregulation.

In **Chemistry**, students will complete the topic looking at electrolysis and energy changes in reactions. They will carry out practical work to investigate energy changes in chemical reactions, and calculate the energy released or taken in during exothermic and endothermic reactions.

In **Physics**, students will continue studying atomic structure, looking at the properties and dangers associated with nuclear radiation, and the use of radioactivity in industry and medicine. They will also study the nuclear reactions of fission and fusion.

COMBINED SCIENCE:

In Combined Science, students will study a **Biology** topic looking at respiration, both aerobic and anaerobic, and the effect of exercise on the body. They will also study a **Chemistry** topic focussing on calculating masses of compounds and balancing chemical equations to represent reactions.

CORE PE:

Students will be working in competitive and semi-competitive situations. Some students use the time to develop their confidence in their GCSE PE practical areas and others participate in a more recreational but purposeful way. Our 'healthy active lifestyles' motto remains at the core of everything we do.

PSHE:

We will explore a comprehensive *Healthy Me* programme that equips individuals with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions about their physical and mental health. Covering a range of topics from understanding health risks to the importance of safe sexual practices and mental wellbeing, this term's PSHE topic is designed to empower pupils with strategies for preventing lifestyle-related illnesses and promoting overall health.

News

School Website: [Home page](#)
Facebook: [@fitzharrysschool](#)
Instagram: [fitzharrys](#)

Key Contacts

Head of Key Stage 4: **Mr M O'Neill**
Deputy Head of Key Stage 4: **Dr S Ouvry**
KS4 Student Wellbeing Managers:
Mrs R David & Miss K Lammin
Assistant Head, Personal Development: **Mr J Clelland**

Useful Links

School Website [Careers pages](#)
School Website [Exams Office page](#)
School Website [Revision page](#)
Revision Resources [Padlet](#)
Post-16 Choices [Padlet](#)

Aspiration

MOCK EXAMINATIONS

At the end of this term, year 10 students will take their first full set of GCSE mock exams. This is an exciting checkpoint for students to see how they are doing in their GCSE courses and contributes significantly towards teachers' GCSE predictions. Exam timetables have been given to students and electronic copies are available on [My Child at School](#). Revision resources & specific guidance from subjects can be found on the school website, on the following link: <https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/students/revision/>

SENECA

If you have not already done so, we encourage all parents to sign up to SENECA Learning to support your child's homework and revision; emails have been sent to those not yet signed up.

KS4 students have access to the premium package which includes some extra GCSE revision resources. KS3 students have access to a full suite of revision and homework activities for all subjects. Students in all year groups are regularly recognised for their SENECA Learning use. This [parent guide](#) has details on how to support your child with SENECA.

CAREERS NEWSLETTERS

Our careers newsletters are updated each month with school, local, and national information and opportunities relating to careers. When organisations and training providers send us information about talks, vacancies, and applications, these will be shared via our website. To view, visit: [Careers Newsletters](#).

SUPER CURRICULAR CHALLENGES

See our [Super-Curricular Challenges – Term 4 list](#) for optional extra challenges and enrichment opportunities.

Opportunity

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Use this link to access our [extra-curricular offer](#) for Term 3.

FROZEN

Our student performers and backstage crew have been working hard on rehearsals for **FROZEN the musical!** Evening performances will take place on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March; doors 6:30pm, with curtain up at 7pm. Tickets cost £6.00 each and are expected to be available via [ParentMail](#) from the evening of Monday 2nd March. Please do bring along loose change to spend at our refreshments stall or pass on to our students with donations buckets – any money donated will go towards the cost of new technical equipment for school shows. Thank you all in advance for your very kind support; we hope you enjoy the show!

KS4 SPRING SOCIAL - GAMES NIGHT

Our next Key Stage 4 wellbeing event is a Games Night which will be held on Wednesday 4th March, expected start time 3:45pm (exact timings to be confirmed). Save the date! More details will follow later this term.

WORK EXPERIENCE UPDATE

If your child has still not secured a work experience placement for the week beginning 6th July, we will be looking to support them to find a placement in Term 4. If you have any contact that could offer your child a placement for a week, please let us know. It doesn't have to be connected to their chosen trajectory – any experience of being in a workplace will be very valuable for them.

Please remember that their placement will not go ahead unless it is logged on Unifrog. All year 10 students have an account. If you have any questions about work experience, please contact FHS-KS4team@fitzharrys.school.

Queries

Please [contact](#) the school with any queries | Email: office.4127@fitzharrys.school | Phone: **01235 520698**

Integrity

TERM DATES

Please note that our [term dates for 2026 – 2027](#) are now available on the school website.

EXAM PREPARATION: PENCIL CASES

As we move swiftly towards year 10's first GCSE mock exam experience, it is essential that students are exam-ready with the correct items. Students must have a clear pencil case which includes the following equipment:

- At least 2 black pens
- Pencil
- Sharpener (unless pencil is mechanical)
- Rubber
- Ruler (15cm is sufficient)
- Protractor
- Compass
- Scientific calculator
Recommended model:
[Casio FX-83GTCW](#)

If you need any support with this, please contact your child's tutor.

KS4 TEAM COMMUNICATION REMINDER

Just a reminder that the best way to contact the pastoral team about your child is to use the group email address: KS4Team@fitzharrys.school. The email will be seen by Mr O'Neill, Dr Ouvry, Ms David and Ms Lammin, and a member of the team will get back to you ASAP.

COMIC RELIEF: RED NOSE DAY

There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 20th March in aid of [Comic Relief](#). Suggested donation is £1 (with the option to donate more) and will be collected online via [ParentMail](#) in the usual way in due course. Our Wellbeing Reps are hoping to plan an extra event to support the fundraising, which will be advertised next term.

FSA EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

The Fitzharrys School Association's Easter-themed, luxury chocolate & sweet hamper competition is on the horizon! Tickets cost £2 each and you can buy as many as you like to increase your chances of winning one of our fabulous (and delicious) prizes! All funds raised will go to the school. To enter the competition, buy tickets via your ParentMail account from Monday 2nd March. Deadline for entries will be the end of the day on Monday 23rd March, with the draw taking place on Tuesday 24th March. Winners will be notified the same day.

FSA: GIANT JUMBLE SALE - UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered, baked goods for the refreshments stall, or came along to bag a few bargains and support this fundraiser: following a few sales made with the leftover items after the event, the final count reveals the Giant Jumble Sale raised £3184.40! Huge thanks to our wonderfully generous school community for making this such a successful event.

THE WELLBEING HUB

The Wellbeing Hub is available to all pupils, parents/carers and staff with the aim of spreading knowledge and confidence of how to support wellbeing in adolescence. There is guidance and support on a wide range of topics, from managing relationships, exam stress, anxiety, equalities and a lot more. For parents there are specific blogs which discuss tips of how to support your children through these years. There are also several short courses designed for both pupils and adults.

Pupils have access through <http://club.teentips.co.uk> and if you do not yet have access as a parent please sign up here: <https://club.teentips.co.uk/register/parents/?ca=b0b22db7c0c44f6ebbe4c320c6fb6ec5>

Absence

To report a **student absence**, please telephone the dedicated *Student Absence Line* as soon as possible: **(01235) 538243**. Thank you.

Key Dates

Monday 23rd February

Monday 2nd March (evening)

Tuesday 3rd March

Wednesday 4th March, 3:45pm (TBC)

Monday 16th – Friday 27th March

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Friday 20th March

Sunday 22nd March, 10am–3pm

Monday 23rd March (school hours)

Tuesday 24th March, 2pm

Tuesday 24th – Thursday 26th March, 7pm

Friday 27th March, 1:10pm finish

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Monday 13th April

Start of term – Week B

Frozen: Tickets go on sale via ParentMail

Y9–10 PSHE Wider Learning – drugs education

KS4 Wellbeing event: Games Night @ Fitzharrys

Y10 Mock Exams (selected subjects – see [timetable](#))

Y8 – 11 HPV vaccination catchup (some students only)

Comic Relief: Red Nose Day – Non School Uniform Day

Frozen: Sunday Technical Rehearsal – whole cast & crew

Frozen: Final Dress Rehearsal – whole cast & crew

Frozen: Matinee performance for primary school pupils

Frozen: Evening performances

End of term

EASTER HOLIDAY

Term 5 begins – Week A