



Year 11 Newsletter

95 School Days to go until the 1st GCSE exam

Friday 16th November 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This week Mr Watson and I have met Y11s for 1-2-1 progress meetings to discuss their current progress and how we can support them. Students have been talking to us about the things they would like to see happen to support them, I have included a list of the things we have already done on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you

Mrs Cartledge

Conway Study Tour—April visit

Unfortunately it has been decided to cancel the April visit to Conway, instead of this 'one size fits all' trip we will be looking into smaller and more focused visits for groups of pupils to focus on the specific subject areas which they need to focus on.

Revision

All year 11s should now be revising towards their exams, both the upcoming mocks and their final GCSEs in the summer. As a round guide pupils should be revising for around two hours per evening, but this includes the homework tasks they are given. On Monday 19th all pupils are creating revision timetables which they will be bringing home with them on Monday evening. Please support them by checking they are sticking to their plan.



Saturday School

| Date | Time | Subject |
|----------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 17TH NOV | 10am-11.30am | English, Business, French, Art |
| | 11.30am - 1pm | English, Business, French, Art |
| 24TH NOV | 10am-11.30am | English, Maths, Geography, French |
| | 11.30am - 1pm | English, Maths, Geography, French |
| 1ST DEC | 10am-11.30am | English, Maths, Science, Art |
| | 11.30am - 1pm | English, Maths, Science, Art |
| 8TH DEC | 10am-11.30am | English, Maths, Business, French |
| | 11.30am - 1pm | English, Maths, Business, French |
| 15TH DEC | 10am-11.30am | English, Maths, PE, HSC |

As well as targeted sessions each week we are **now opening Saturday School up to all Y11s**. Please encourage students to attend as many Saturday sessions as they can. This is also linked to rewards in school, please see below for more detail...

Saturday School and Prom—how to earn your ticket!

Y11 prom is a fantastic event each year for our Y11 students; a chance for them to celebrate and relax with peers for one final time as they reach the end of school life. However, it is essential that our students understand that attending prom is a privilege, not an automatic right.

We are in the process of setting up a Prom Points system which allows our students to accrue points towards their Y11 Prom Invitation by attending Saturday Schools, after-school revision and through excellent effort levels during lesson time. For the first time we will be fully funding the Y11 Prom, pupils will need to accrue points to receive an invitation but they will not be required to pay for the ticket.



Students will receive further information on this during assemblies in the coming weeks.

December Mock Examinations

Between the 3rd and 19th of December pupils will sit mock examinations in all of their GCSE subjects. The results of these examinations will inform what pupils are taught in future lessons, what interventions and support they receive and which sets they are placed in after Christmas. Decisions concerning higher or foundations tiers in maths and science will also be made after this series of mock examinations.

The overall purpose of the examinations is to ensure all pupils are receiving the bespoke support they need at this crucial point in the school year. Therefore, it is essential pupils are preparing fully and revision should already have started for these examinations. As a rough guide, pupils should be revising for two hours per evening as a minimum. Please encourage your pupil to see their form tutor if they need any extra support around revising and preparing for these examinations.

Week commencing 3rd December

| Day | Date | | Subject | Start | Length | End |
|-----------|------|-----|------------------|--------|-----------------|---------|
| Monday | 3rd | Y11 | Maths | 9.10am | 1hr30min | 10.40am |
| Tuesday | 4th | Y11 | French | 9.10am | 1hr (or 45mins) | 10.10am |
| Wednesday | 5th | Y11 | Biology | 9.10am | 1hr15min | 10.25am |
| Thursday | 6th | Y11 | Maths | 9.10am | 1hr30min | 10.40am |
| Friday | 7th | Y11 | English Language | 9.10am | 1hr45min | 10.55am |
| Friday | 7th | Y11 | Maths | 2pm | 1hr30 | 3.30pm |

Week commencing 10th December

| Day | Date | | Subject | Start | Length | End |
|-----------|------|-----|--------------------|--------|----------|---------|
| Monday | 10th | Y11 | Chemistry | 9.10am | 1hr15min | 10.25am |
| Tuesday | 11th | Y11 | History/ Geog | 2pm | 1hr30 | 3.30pm |
| Wednesday | 12th | Y11 | English Literature | 8.45am | 2hr15 | 11am |

Week commencing 17th December

| Day | Date | | Subject | Start | Length | End |
|-----------|------|--|---------|-------|----------|--------|
| Monday | 17th | Y11 | Physics | 2pm | 1hr15min | 3.15pm |
| Tuesday | 18th | Full day BTEC Sport intervention, exams P5 and P6 (selected students only) | | | | |
| Wednesday | 19th | Full day BTEC Business intervention, exam P6 (selected students only) | | | | |

Y11 have spoken....

This week every Y11 has been invited to a Progress Meeting with Mr Watson or Ms Cartledge and as a result of what students have told us we have made the following changes:

- We have introduced a Y11 Study room open everyday for lunchtime study
- We are now linking rewards to homework and Hegarty Maths, starting with a Christmas Film afternoon next month
- There is now a higher maths session available every Thursday from 4pm until 5pm
- We have made supportive class changes
- We are teaching students how to create a revision timetable and they will be bringing these home on Monday 19th November
- We are increasing the amount of careers guidance our students receive

