



Year 11 Newsletter

131 school days to go until the 1st GCSE exam

Wednesday 16th September

Dear Year 11 Pupils, Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to warmly welcome back our Year 11 cohort, they have made an incredibly positive start despite the challenges we are all facing due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

This week I have had the pleasure of beginning 1-2-1 interviews with each Year 11 pupil, this is one of the best parts of my job! I am delighted to be working with such an articulate and ambitious group of young people.

Year 11s have demonstrated a great attitude and are really determined to succeed and I just wanted to take this opportunity to say that we are behind them every step of the way.

This newsletter will provide a regular update on a range of issues that affect our Y11 students. If you wish to discuss anything from the newsletter with me or with Mrs Hill (Head of Year 11) please contact us through the school reception.

Kind regards,

Ms Cartledge (Deputy Headteacher)

IMPORTANT—TIME TO REVISE!

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Between the 23rd November and 4th December all Y11 pupils will take part in a series of formal mock exams. These exams are more important than ever; this is the only opportunity for us to find out exactly what pupils know and what they need to learn next in order to succeed in the summer. After the exams are marked we will use the results to make set changes and decide tiers of entry (higher or foundation) so it is vital these exams are taken seriously.

Exam/ Coursework Updates and Changes

The current picture is constantly changing, as you will be aware we have already had to advise some Y11 students to self-isolate and work online. Because of nation wide disruption to normal school life there may be frequent changes to the way exams will run and the way that coursework has to be completed. In light of this, and as promised, it is my aim to provide you with the latest updates as I receive them, this will be via the newsletter each week so please read this section carefully.

Current Updates Confirmed:

OCR Cambridge National in Enterprise and Marketing (Business Studies)

OCR have advised us that we are now required to submit one piece of coursework (R065) instead of two pieces and students must also sit the examination in January (R064). Students will then be awarded a grade by OCR for the third unit (R066) based on their results in the other two units. We see this as very positive for our Y11s but it means they need to work even harder than normal on their only piece of coursework.

GCSE English Literature

AQA are currently providing regular updates but have yet to confirm any changes, I will update you on this as soon as possible.