



Year 11 Newsletter

101 School Days to go until the 1st GCSE exam

Friday 19th October 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the third edition of the Y11 Newsletter. Our year 11s have been a credit to the academy this week as they have dealt with challenging mock exams with maturity and resilience.

I have included details of half term school in this edition and I ask that you encourage your student to attend where possible, these sessions are run very differently to normal lessons and are invaluable in helping students prepare for their GCSE examinations and recap key learning from the past half term.

I hope you find this useful, as always if you have any questions or comments please let me know.

Mrs Cartledge



Mock exams—well done

All Y11 students have sat mock examinations in formal exam conditions in English, mathematics and history or geography. Students were incredibly well-behaved and focused throughout the exams—well done to all of them.

UCAS Progress and Careers Guidance

As you and your student will be aware, it is almost time to make important decisions about further education and career pathways. To help support our Y11s through this, sometimes stressful, time we provide a full programme of support in school. After the half term break students will receive help and support to complete their UCAS applications, including advice on how to write a great personal statement.

All Y11 pupils will also receive careers advice and guidance through one-to-one meetings with a careers advisor. If students require advice before their allocated meeting time they are welcome to speak to Mr Howard to request an earlier appointment time.



October Half Term School

Date	Time	Subject
Monday 29th October	10am - 12.30pm	Foundation Maths, English
	1pm - 3pm	Art and Design, English
Tuesday 30th October	10am - 12.30pm	Art, English
	1pm - 3pm	Art, English
Wednesday 31st October	10am - 12.30pm	Higher Maths, Business Studies
	1pm - 3pm	Hegarty maths/ Tassomai
Thursday 1st November	10am - 12.30pm	Science
	1pm - 3pm	Science
Friday 2nd November	10am - 12.30pm	Hospitality
	1pm - 3pm	Hospitality

Saturday School

Date	Time	Subject
20th October	10am-11.30am	English, French, Science, Computing, Business
	11.30am - 1pm	English, French, Science, Computing, Business
27th October	10am-11.30am	Computing, History
	11.30am - 1pm	Computing, History

This year the sessions will run in a slightly different way; students will be informed if they are required to attend by their class teachers rather than the sessions being open to any student.

Students who attend on Saturdays are reminded that it is their responsibility to travel to school and back safely, please support them with this. As these sessions are not compulsory the academy doesn't report any absences to parents.



Revision Idea

Revision Cards are a great way to revise short, key pieces of information in the run up to an assessment or an exam. A pack of revision cards costs around £4 for 250 (www.amazon.co.uk) and even the act of creating them is a great way to revise key facts, you can then look back at them and quiz yourself on the content. You can even use them to quiz your friends, see who can get the most correct answers in a set amount of time.

The trick to great revision cards is to only include vital information (for example, in physics just a key equation and the details of how to rearrange it). Make cards colourful and interesting and use images to jog your memory as this could help you in the exam.

If you want any help with this call in to B29 and ask me or Mrs Cartledge to show you how to make a great revision card.



Important Dates for Your Diary

UCAS Progress Support

During form time (8.40am—9.10am) of the week commencing 12th November all Y11s will receive their UCAS log in details to allow them to begin applying for further education and training courses.

Conway Residential

The second Conway study residential is taking place on 26th—28th April. Students who meet the attendance and behaviour criteria will receive invitations before the Easter holidays.

Prom

The Y11 Prom is booked for 6.30pm on Thursday 4th July 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Sheffield. Students may wish to start planning for this as services such as transport get booked up quickly.

Online revision

Hegarty (www.hegartymaths.com)

A revision programme to provide practice of key exam skills

Tassomai (www.tassomai.com)

An interactive learning programme to help Y11s master the science GCSE content

GCSE Pod (www.gcsepod.com)

Download short podcasts to your phone to revise any GCSE subject

