



# Year 11 Newsletter

115 School Days to go until the 1st GCSE exam

Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the first edition of our new Y11 Newsletter. I have included a review of important events this term so far plus a list of the essential dates and events that are approaching after half term. I feel it's vital that you know about these events and how they will contribute to your student's GCSE success, those summer exams are closer than you might think!

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Cartledge

## Congratulations

This week Brandon received his gold tie and became our newest Y11 Student Ambassador



## Online revision

**Hegarty ([www.hegartymaths.com](http://www.hegartymaths.com))**

A revision programme to provide practice of key exam skills

**Tassomai ([www.tassomai.com](http://www.tassomai.com))**

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

**GCSE Pod ([www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com))**

Download short podcasts to your phone to revise any GCSE subject



## Conway Study Tour September 2018

Another fantastic Conway Study Tour has been and gone, with over 70% of our Y11s joining us this time. The residential visit to Anglesey was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, the students were a credit to the academy. Each student took part in study sessions focusing on core subjects and exam skills and then a range of team building activities including kayaking and rock-climbing. Thank you to all staff who joined us and to parents and carers for your support in making the trip possible.

## Saturday School Sessions

Date	Time	Subject
6th October	10am-11.30am	English, French
	11.30am - 1pm	English, French
13th October	10am-11.30am	Art, English, French, Maths
	11.30am - 1pm	Art, English, French, Maths
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 Top Tips

- ⇒ Find the revision method that works for you. Give yourself time to try out a few different methods before you decide which one to go for
- ⇒ Personalise your revision, for example by turning your notes into a song or a rhyme or recording them and playing them back
- ⇒ Make your revision active. Don't just read through your notes, you could make flash cards or a mind-map, or use post it notes all over your bedroom
- ⇒ Find a friend to revise with, test each other or make quizzes to help each other to recall facts
- ⇒ Complete as many past papers as you can, this will get you into the right mindset as you go into the exams
- ⇒ Take regular breaks throughout your revision, eat healthily and drink lots of water

## Important Dates for Your Diary

### 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 at the Holiday Inn, Sheffield. Students may wish to start planning for this as services such as transport get booked up quickly.

