



Year 11 Newsletter

108 School Days to go until the 1st GCSE exam

Friday 12th October 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the second edition of the Y11 Newsletter. All Y11s have mock exams next week, the timetable for this is below. Please can I ask you support your student by encouraging them to revise each day and to prepare fully for these exams. There may be set changes as a result of the exams so that students are in the correct sets according to the results but any changes will be fully explained to students.

As the half term holiday is fast approaching I have included some information about October half term school, please note this could change (as new sessions are added) so please keep an eye on the website.

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

Mrs Cartledge

Mock exams—week commencing 15th October

All Y11 students will be sitting mock examinations in formal exam conditions in English, mathematics and history or geography. It is vital students revise for these exams and prepare fully, all students should be revising for at least two hours per evening in the run up to these exams. As a result of the exams there may be set changes in English and maths to ensure students are working at the correct level towards their target grades.

Day	Date	Subject	Start	End	At the end of the exam
Thursday	18th Oct	Maths	9am	10.30am	Pupils return to P2 with their teacher
	18th Oct	History/Geography	2pm	3.30pm	Pupils leave school at 3.30pm
Friday	19th Oct	English Language	9.10am	10.55am	Pupils go to break slightly early, P2 staff to accompany them
	19th Oct	English Literature	2pm	3pm (approx)	Pupils leave school at 3pm (approx)

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
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 Idea

You have mock exams coming up next week so **now is the time to get started!** It's never too early to make your revision timetable, starting now will make this more manageable in the coming months.

There are a few options to get started with this, one option is to make a revision timetable like this using paper, ruler and a pen or a spreadsheet package such as Microsoft Excel...

My revision plan for October							
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7am							
8am							
9am							
10am							
11am						Geography	
12pm						Geography	
1pm							
2pm						Science	
3pm						Science	
4pm							
5pm							
6pm	English		Maths	English	Science		
7pm	English	English	Maths	Science	English		
8pm	Maths	English					
9pm							
10pm							

A second option is to see Mrs Cartledge or Mr Watson for a paper copy of a blank timetable and fill this in with your form tutor. Call in to B29 for help in creating a revision timetable.

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

