



Year 11 Newsletter

94 School Days to go until the 1st GCSE exam

Friday 26th October 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Year 11 Newsletter. There are sessions running each day during the half term break so please discuss these with your student and support them in attending the sessions which will be beneficial to them.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term holiday and thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Cartledge



Saturday School Guidelines

I am absolutely delighted with the efforts and attitudes of our year 11s so far this year. Attendance at Saturday school has also been very positive. In order to make Saturday School productive and useful for everyone I have met with Y11 during assembly to discuss the following expectations of their conduct when attending Saturday sessions:

- Uniform—there is no expectation of students to wear uniform but they should not wear earphones whilst in learning
- Punctuality—it is vital students are on time to the sessions they are attending, lateness is disruptive to other students as teachers may have to restart the session. If students are more than ten minutes late to a session they will need to return home and attend at another date.
- Effort—when students have made the effort to attend Saturday school it would then be a huge shame for this to be ‘wasted time’. Students should make sure they remain focused and working hard for the time they are in school.

Again, I am incredibly proud of the Y11s and their positive attitudes to learning. If all students follow the above



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 |
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| 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.

Excellence

Pride

Ambition



Revision Idea

Finding the perfect place to revise is really important. There will be loads of people who will tell you that working in the LRC is more productive than working from home. Others will say that locking yourself in your room is the only way to revise. This will depend on what suits you and you might need to try a few different places out.

For example, contrary to most of the revision advice out there, I always found that coffee shops like Costa or Starbucks were a great place to sit and make revision notes, and I could never work well in my room. But some people can't revise anywhere other than at home in their room. Revising in different places can also stop you getting bored when it gets closer to the exams and you are increasing the number of hours of revision you are doing.

Noise is a heavily debated topic. Most revision guides will tell you that music or the TV is too distracting, but this is entirely down to personal preference. One thing that can work is having familiar films playing in the background, the background noise is really helpful to some people whereas others (like me) need complete silence.

Finally, think about the little things such as making sure you have a drink to hand and some snacks too. This stops you from making excuses to keep stopping (also known as procrastinating).

Return to school—Tuesday 6th November

Just a reminder that the first Monday of November is a whole school INSET day and students should return to the academy at 8.30am on Tuesday 6th November.

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.

December Mock Exams

Y11s will sit a series of formal mock examinations during the first two weeks of December (3rd—14th) in maths, English, science, French, history and geography.

