

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 11 Updates – Term 3 to 6

Mock Exam Results

Year 11 students received their mock exam results last Tuesday, together with an assembly and initial evaluation tutor-led session to help them digest the outcomes and next steps – you will receive a copy of your child's results as follow-up to this letter, for your information. Please note the final column which indicates the proportion of each course examined in the mocks.

These mock exams represent a very important step in the Year 11 journey, in preparation for the final exams in the summer. Students have experienced important elements of a full 'exam season', with two exams on one day, under statutory conditions. They have developed better revision strategies and study habits and should now have a better grasp of which methods work best for them. It is crucial your child now takes the time to fully reflect on their performance in these mocks. They will receive specific feedback from their subject teachers and, within tutorial sessions, they will complete a thorough evaluation process giving them the skill-set to reflect and identify topic and skills-based areas they will need to prioritise to enable progress to be made over the coming months. We will continue to support students with academic, well-being and pastoral support through assemblies and wider care, and the enrichment programme, that currently offers Science and Maths sessions, will develop further to include other subject areas in terms 4 and 5.

Key Events and support over next few terms:

Science and Maths enrichment

On Mondays, after school, the Science department is running Y11 support sessions, as are Maths on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Both will be running throughout terms 3, 4, and 5.

RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) - During tutor time over the next two terms, each tutor group will be attending a workshop delivered by a member of staff from the Holly Gazzard Trust. As many of you may know the trust was created following the murder of 20-year-old Holly Gazzard in 2014 by an ex-partner.

The 60–90-minute workshop covers all elements of Coercive Control and the course aims to help students identify when this is happening, the importance of early intervention and what action can be taken. Further information can be found via the following link: <https://holliegazzard.org/>

We hope this will be a powerful and memorable way to enhance the RSE curriculum and help our young people to stay safe. If you have any questions or wish for your child to be withdrawn from the workshops, then please contact the school and a member of staff will get back to you.

Progress Review 2

Y11 Progress review 2 is sent out to parents on 31st January 2024. This is inclusive of their mock grades and what staff feel their overall progression is likely to be on their current levels of effort and performance.

Parents evening

Parents evening 1st February 4.30pm-7.30pm. This is a face to face parents evening and will be held in the hall. Appointments can be made in the normal way.

Y11 Parent and student revision

An upcoming event, we would like to invite you to, is the parent and student revision evening on the 6th February. There will be a letter of invite and a link for you to sign up to for this event. This provides us with an idea of how many people will be in attendance. The evening will include revision tips, as well as how to manage students well-being.

World Book Day

On the 7th March it is World Book Day. Traditionally year 11 students have come to school dressed as a character from a book. We are looking forward to seeing the characters our students will choose this year. There will be a group photograph taken at breaktime.

Subject specific revision enrichment

In Term 4 and 5 we will be offering subject specific revision sessions, as an extension of our current enrichment programme. These will be published at the end of Term 3.

Leavers assembly

This will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 8th May.

Study leave

Study leave will commence on Thursday 9th May, this coincides with first exam of the year. Further details to follow.

GCSE exams

Timetables will be given to students for all of their exams next week. The exams begin on the 9th May and are completed by the 19th June.

Celebration evening

We are holding an end of Year 11 celebration evening on the 27th June, 6.30pm-8pm. This will be held in the hall and attendance will be through parental invite. The evening provides a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our student's performance across all subjects throughout the year.

Year 11 Prom

This is on the 4th July at Stonehouse Court hotel. The school gateway has now closed for the prom with a fantastic number of students wanting to attend. Arrival begins for 6.30pm and the prom finishes at 11.15pm.

Attendance matters

On a separate note, and a final push with Year 11, it is worth re-stating the obvious yet important point about the clear correlation between student progress and excellent attendance. In fact, national statistics show an attendance of at least 95% is required to produce a likelihood of students making at least expected progress. Students with an average attendance of 90-92% achieved over a third of a grade less than would have been expected. Your child's Y11 attendance to date is included on the mock results document, for your information. Please do all you can to ensure they are consistently in school.

We hope the wide range of support and advice in place for our students leads to them feeling prepared, engaged and motivated, through the coming months. We very much appreciate your support in continuing to help your child, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Thomas
Head of Year 11