



Year 11 Parent Bulletin – Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been delighted with the start Year 11 have made to the new term. This is a demanding time for all students, preparing for key examinations in a range of subjects. We will continue to share all the messages and tips through assemblies and tutor periods, to prepare students, in advance, for the different mock exam periods. The first phase of our mock examination window starts on Monday 23rd October. This consists of the three core subjects.

The main window is in the final two weeks before the Christmas holidays, with the third window in February.

Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams – October

Please see below the schedule for Year 11 GCSE Mock exams, taking place week commencing Monday 23rd October 2023.

Time	Mon 23 Oct	Tue 24 Oct	Wed 25 Oct	Thu 26 Oct	Fri 27 Oct
09:00	Y11 Maths Paper 1 Non-calculator	Y11 English Language		Y11 Maths Paper 2 Calculator	Y11 Physics Combined Triple
13:00	Y11 Biology Combined Triple			Y11 Chemistry Combined Triple	

These mock exams are an important part of our preparations for next summer, not only to allow teachers to see what students know and what they need further support with but also to ensure they are familiar and comfortable with exam expectations/routines. This set of mock exams will cover only a proportion of the content for each of the CORE subjects and whilst students will be given a GCSE grade for this, our data cycles will continue to be the best reflection of overall progress and will take into account all factors. The amount of progress that students make from mocks to the summer does vary in subjects and is heavily linked to the AtL students show over the year.

In the weeks leading up to these mock exams, students will receive a personalised timetable with their seat numbers/rooms. A reminder that for morning exams, students are to go to the canteen at 8:45am, and for afternoon exams, students should report to the canteen after their lunch at 12:50pm. All rules for all mock examinations **must** be followed in the same way as the GCSE RE Examinations last summer. Finally, it is vital students are in their full NLS uniform and have the correct equipment for their exam.

Year 11 Additional Support

To support students with their revision for the above mock exams, and progress in their other subjects, additional support is available and subject revision session times can be seen below.

Subject	When (after school unless stated)
English	Tuesday
Maths	Targeted students will be invited
Science	Wednesday
Geography	Targeted students will be invited
Computer Science	Wednesday
Art	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Music	Thursday and all break and lunch times
BTEC Sport	Wednesday
Drama	Monday – Thursday lunch time (See Mrs. Hill)
Business Studies	Tuesday
French / German / Spanish	Targeted students will be invited

If you or your child have any questions about additional support, please contact their class teacher. From January 2024, there will also be a more formal, structured revision programming including all subjects, which Mr Atkins and I will inform you of nearer the time.

Subject leaders are now beginning to put revision guides for their subjects on Parent Pay and further updates will follow when available.

Careers – Y11 Information, Advice and Guidance appointments

All Year 11 students have a 1:1 information, advice and guidance appointment with a qualified careers advisor. Currently we fund an external company to provide this service for our young people. All of the students who attend their appointments report that they are invaluable in supporting their Post 16 choices.

Unfortunately we have a number of students who are not attending their appointments saying they had forgotten about it despite being issued with an appointment slip. We would be very grateful if parents/carers could check with their child to see if they been issued with an appointment time and to encourage them to attend. The appointments for Year 11 students will continue to take place over the remainder of the term and into early January. The slips are issued weekly.

Dates for the Diary

Parents Evenings in Year 11

We have two Parent's Evenings, where you can come into school and speak with subject staff. Please make a note of the below dates:

- 4th December 2023
- 18th March 2024

Your support is so important in the triangulation of success, with the student, the school and parents/carers all working together to supporting our students to achieve the desired amount of 'currency' that will take them to the next stage of preference, in their 16-18 education and training. I look forward to seeing all parents and guardians at these two very important evenings.

Year 11 Prom

I can confirm that the Year 11 Prom will take place on Monday 8th July 2024, at Chesford Grange, Kenilworth. More information will be shared with students and yourselves in due course. In our most recent assembly, students were informed, similar to the Alton Towers trip in Year 10, that consistent excellent attendance, behaviour and attitude throughout the year is required for students to be able to attend this celebratory event.

Thank you for your continued support, and have a lovely weekend!



Mr. Butler