

WELCOME TO YEAR 11

A belated welcome back to all our year 11 students following the holidays and welcome to the first of our fortnightly newsletters for Year 11. We have had an incredibly positive start to the year and thank you all for your efforts so far. We recognise that this can be a stressful and demanding time and we have lots of plans to support both our students and their families throughout this period. All year 11 students are having 1:1 interviews with school leaders to discuss recent trial exams, to help plan for revision and to talk about next steps - if parents were unable to attend our recent parents evening then trial exam results have been given to students at this time.

Dates for your diary



15th February - Coursework focus-up day. Students will be notified if they are involved in this.

20th - 24th February - Half-term

27th February - 10th March - Trial exams.

29th March - Cuisine exam

30th March - Cuisine exam

30th March - Coursework focus day. Students will be notified if they are involved in this.

3rd - 14th April - Easter Holidays

Attendance and Punctuality

The national secondary school attendance figure is **97%**. Regular attendance and punctuality to school and lessons is extremely important and helps students to reach their full potential.

In order to encourage good attendance, lates to school are now being monitored and more than one late will result in a Friday after school detention where students will be expected to 'payback' any time missed and can access study materials.

6 week countdown to trial exams

The 6 week countdown to the next set of trial exams is underway. All students have been provided with a revision plan of two tasks per week, per subject. Students are working on planning their revision schedule in tutor time. Copies of both are on the Year 11 Google Classroom.

Helplines and Resources

Anxiety UK provide advice and support for people living with anxiety - **03444 775 774** (helpline), **07537 416 905** (text), www.anxietyuk.org.uk

Kooth provides emotional and mental health support for children and young people aged between 11 and 24 - **www.kooth.com**

Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM) stand together with everyone who's struggling with life, no matter who they are, where they're from or what they're going through. **0800 58 58 58**, **www.thecalmzone.net**

HOPELINEUK is a confidential support and advice service for children and young people under the age of 35 who are experiencing thoughts of suicide, or anyone concerned that a young person could be thinking about suicide. **Call: 0800 068 4141, Text: 07860 039 967**

PROUD TRADITIONS

Year 11 Prom

We are pleased to announce that Prom for our Class of 2023 is

**Thursday 6th July at Weston Lawns,
Bulkington Road.**

Our Prom criteria is:

- 97% attendance
- Engagement with Tutor Time activities – this includes arriving to school on time and wearing correct uniform
- Attending tutoring and mentoring sessions (if not applicable this token can be earned by completing coursework and making academic progress)
- Zero detentions
- Engagement in wider school life

All data is reset at the start of each half-term to allow everyone a fresh start to earn tokens.

A total of 21 tokens are available. 16 tokens are need in order to receive an invitation to Prom.

A letter with further details will be sent out separately.



Important message

The GCSE Examination period runs from May through to June, however other examinations will be timetabled in school in April for practical subjects and French. All students need to be available for the exams contingency day which is Wednesday 28th June 2023. We strongly advice that you do not book any holidays between April and June.

We would like to say well done to the PE students that took their exam before the Christmas break and the Health and Social Care students that conducted themselves very well this week for their GCSE Exam.

Just a reminder....

All students should come to school fully equipped for the day ahead to ensure that they are ready to learn from the moment they step through the classroom door.

Students are expected to bring:

Pens (must be black ink for exams)

Pencils

Ruler

A scientific calculator

Other useful items are an eraser, sharpener, highlighters and a protractor.

Pencil cases are not permitted in exams unless they are transparent.

Stationery items, including exam kits, can be purchased from accounts at very reasonable prices.



HIGH ACHIEVEMENT

P7 sessions

In order to support your child in achieving the best possible academic outcomes our Period 7 Wednesday sessions for all have now started and run on Wednesdays every week. This support is targeted and all students will have a subject-focused taught session. P7 will run from 3.40pm-4.40pm. Students will have a chance for a drink/biscuit before they are collected by their teacher.

This is a compulsory session to support your child's academic achievement and it is vital they attend. Please can you try to arrange appointments/after school activities, outside of this where possible.

The Wed P7 groups will change later in the term so that students get the opportunity to gain additional specialised support in further areas. If your child cannot attend due to an external appointment, please send in a letter addressed to Ms Minty.

In addition, there are a number of other P7 sessions on offer and it has been wonderful to see so many students take up this opportunity.