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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 11 Information

This is a very important academic year for all of our Year 11 students. We want to ensure that students maximise every opportunity on offer to them during Year 11 and gain an excellent set of qualifications, to enable them to reach their aspirations beyond Year 11. The following information will help them achieve their full potential.

Attendance

It is important to ensure that attendance stays above 95% to give the best possible chance of success. Medical appointments should be made outside of school time where possible and days off should be very occasional and for a serious reason.

Examination windows

We kindly request that holidays, or medical appointments are not booked during the GCSE examination window which runs from 29th April- 26th June 2024.

PPE examinations run from:

Window 1- 20th November to 1st December 2023

Window 2- 26th February to 15th March 2024

Coursework deadlines

For students that study the following options, coursework is how a large portion of courses are calculated. Therefore it is incredibly important that students make sure they remain up to date with work and fully take account for meeting deadlines.

Health and Social/ Digital IT/ Drama and Music - These subjects will be working on component 2 coursework throughout October and November. The coursework for this unit must be with the exam board by 5th December.

GCSE PE- Students will be finishing course content by Christmas. PEP feedback must be acted on at any opportunity in order to maximise coursework score, and these will be submitted by February. Practical videos for both skills and games must be filmed and uploaded to the drive by January at the latest.

Hospitality - Students will be working on their coursework this term. Competition of the three hour practical examination will take place between 2nd - 5th January 2024. Students must be practising both dishes at home on a regular basis



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Raising achievement after school sessions 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Tuesday	Maths Foundation and Higher Vocationals Geography
Wednesday	History Psychology (alternate weeks) Further Maths
Thursday	Sport- week A Philosophy & ethics- week B French Science

Raising achievement evening

Raising achievement evening will be taking place on Tuesday 10th October 5:30-7:00 pm. This will be a personalised 10 minute meeting to discuss the best possible support package for your child as they move through Year 11. It is important to make sure that both yourself and your son/ daughter attend this to enable them to find out key information that will support their studies this year. If you are unable to attend your child is still expected to attend. Please complete the [google form here](#) with your preferred meeting slot. If you do not return the google form by 3rd October then an appointment will be made for you and the time shared with you.

Prom Points

Students will only be invited to attend the Prom once they have achieved 450 Prom Points. Prom points are calculated and updated regularly. Students achieve their points through attendance, effort and attainment displayed through each unit of work, attending revision sessions as well as positive points gained. There are still plenty of opportunities for students to gain further Prom points in the coming weeks. However, if a student truant or is removed from a lesson then 3 points will be deducted each time from their total. Suspensions will carry a higher removal tariff of 15 points /day. .

Helpful links

Please see links to the following websites we frequently ask students to access in school for learning and revision. .

[Seneca](#)

[Free science](#)

[BBC bitesize](#)

[GCSE pod](#)

Yours faithfully

Mr Randell
Head of Year 11

