

NDO/WelcometoYear11/LH
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Dear Parent/Carer

We have welcomed the students back from their summer break and now are focussed on supporting them to achieve their very best outcomes by the end of Year 11. I write to inform you of some key developments to help support students in this pursuit.

Making the Most of Year 11 Evening

Given the crucial role you play in your child's examination success, we are pleased to invite you to an information evening on **Wednesday, 20 September, between 6-7.00pm**. The purpose of the '*Making the Most of Year 11 Evening*' is to allow you to meet with key staff, to understand more about the Post-16 destination process and to learn about how you can best support your child to maximise their potential in their GCSE studies. We greatly value your support in attending this evening. It is not necessary for students to attend.

Year 11 Curriculum Booklet

The Key Stage 4 team have put together a Curriculum Booklet for you to access throughout the year. It contains important information about each subject as well as furnishing with you with key dates and other important information about Year 11. I hope you find this helpful.

Mock Exams

The Year 11 Mock Exams will begin on Monday, 13 November and will last for a period of 2 weeks. I would strongly advise that students begin preparing for this as soon as possible. More information on this will be released during the '*Making the Most of Year 11 Evening*'.

Achievement Points

It is vital that Year 11 students are praised for their academic performance and that positive attitude to learning habits are recognised. Therefore we have adapted the rewards policy to move away from praise postcards and to achievement points. Teacher's award achievement points to students and these are collected onto the Academy's system. This will be published on your child's assessment report and commendations will be issued in the Year 11 Assembly on a half termly basis. I feel sure that this new system will encourage students to aim for an ethic of excellence in all of their endeavours.

Home Learning

Home Learning is an essential element in GCSE success. In the vast majority of subjects, home learning tasks are located on the VLE for students and parents to access. In order to further support the excellent attitude to learning habits of Year 11 students, a centralised detention system has been put in place. Should a student not submit his/her home learning task, a lunchtime detention will be issued on the same day. For period 5 lessons, the detention will be issued for the next school day. Teachers will of course exercise discretion for extenuating circumstances. The detention is held by senior leaders in B6 and parents/carers will be informed via email as soon as the detention is given.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do contact me.

Yours sincerely



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