

18 September 2009

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 students have made a fantastic start to the term. We are really pleased with how they have settled into their first weeks. Teaching staff have been impressed with students attitude to their learning and have high hopes for their achievement in GCSE's this year.

On the reverse of this letter you will find key dates specific to Year 11 and more generic key dates that might be of interest to you. This an important year and it is important that your child is aware of exam timetables and he/she attends every available revision session. We hope providing you with this information in advance will allow you to help your child plan his/her individual revision timetables. We also enclose a letter detailing GCSE English revision sessions.

To help with Maths revision, a CDROM can be purchased for £2.60 from the Finance Office and a pack of exam papers to help with practice can be purchased for 40 pence.

Additional information regarding other exams will be issued at the Year 11 Parents' Evening on 18th November 2009.

As you can see from the key dates, students will be taking GCSE exams throughout this academic year and it is vital that your child maintains excellent attendance. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that it is up to the discretion of the Headteacher whether or not holiday will be granted during term time. Taking your child out of school during term time will have a big impact on his/her achievement.

We will be writing to you with more details of events throughout the year and aim to update the website with relevant information as soon as possible. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us in the Year Office or via the Student Support Area.

Yours sincerely

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Year 11 Leader

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Key Dates for Year 11

23 rd September	Drama Trip
2 nd October	Non Uniform Day (Jeans for Genes)
12 th October	Grade Update posted this week
21 st October	HPV Vaccinations 1 st Dose
9th November	English Language GCSE Exam
12th November	English Language GCSE Exam
13th November	Maths Re-sits Module 3 and Module
18 th November	Parents Evening
7 th December	Chemistry Mock
7 th January	HPV Vaccinations 2 nd dose
13th January	Business Studies Re-sit
14th January	Biology Re-sit Module 1
14 th January	Grade Update posted this week
18th January	Chemistry Re-sit Module 1
20th January	Physics Re-sits Module 1
21 st January	Year11 to Yr12 Parents Information Evening
25 th January	Post 16 Interviews
25th January	Biology Module 4,5 & 6
25th January	Additional Science Mod 4
26th January	Health & Social Care Exam
27th January	Additional Science Module 5
27th January	Chemistry Module 4, 5 & 6
1st February	Physics Module 4, 5 & 6
10 th February	Supporting Your Child at GCSE Evening
8 th March	Grade Update posted this week
12 th May	HPV Vaccinations 3 rd dose

Key dates for whole school

1 October	Open Day
2 October	Non Uniform Day (Jeans for Genes)
23 October	Teacher Training Day
26 - 30 October	Half Term
3 November	Chance to Dance
21/22 November	Music Concert
4 December	Wine and Wassaling
16 December	Carol Service
18 December	Staff Pantomime (1.30pm finish for those not attending)
21 December – 1 January	Christmas Holidays
4 February	Drama Evening
15 – 19 February	Half Term
2 – 16 April	Easter Holidays
3 May	Bank Holiday
31 May – 4 June	Half Term
28 June	Teacher Training Day
6 July	Chance to Dance
10/11 July	Summer Concert County Orchestra Week
16 July	Sports Day
26 July	Summer Holidays