

# Year 11 Newsletter

Issue 1 - November 2023

## Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Year 11 had made such a fantastic start to their last year of school. They are focused, driven and determined to get themselves the best outcomes and continue their next journey to further education. The year team are extremely proud of the students who have been attending boost sessions after school. We have an average of 90% of students attending these sessions which is outstanding. Thank you for your support ensuring that your child attends these sessions.

Mr Hughes

Mrs Boylan



Achievement Leader

Head of Year

## Attendance Matters

As always, one of our main priorities is student attendance to school. We strive that all students achieve 96% and above and work hard with them to achieve this. Your support in getting your child to school each day is imperative – thank you for your continued efforts with this.

Poor attendance can result in poor outcomes for your child. Please see the bar chart opposite at the impact that poor attendance can have on your child's GCSE results.

## Achievement

Congratulations to the following students who have won a box of chocolates as part of 100% weekly attendance award:

Congratulations to the following students who have received a phone call home from our Assistant Vice Principal for fantastic work and effort during half term. They are...

Congratulations to J. Rooney who won our student of the month for September. J. Rooney has 100% attendance so far this term, 100% attendance to boost and secure, he has received 75 + achievement points for at least the last 2 weeks with 57% grade 1s in lessons and a fantastic tracking report for the end of Year 10 (meeting/exceeding across the board).

He is polite and well-mannered. He is a fantastic representative of Year 11.



## Curriculum Spotlight

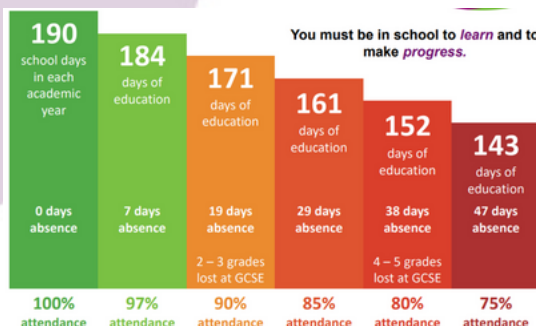
With this being such a crucial year for your child please could you be encouraging them to be completing their homework at home. You can find all your child's revision and homework on the Class Charts App. Parents can download the App and check homework and completion of homework. If you need your parent login details and then please let me know. All of our homework and Apps are there to support your child's learning and retention of knowledge and include...

- Maths = Sparx Maths
- English = Quizlet
- Science = Carousel
- Humanities = Tassomai
- Languages = Languagenut
- Design/Food = Seneca

## Assessment Focus

A reminder that the first set of Year 11 Mocks will be commencing on Monday 13 November for 2 weeks. A copy of their mock timetable will be issued to students and will also be sent to parents. Please encourage your child to continue revising and ensure that your child attends on time and has 100% attendance to all mock examinations.

I would also like to remind parents that we will be holding a mock results day for Year 11 following the November mocks. For year 11 this will be on Monday 8 January 2024. Please after this event sit down with your child and talk to them about either their successes or areas that they need to focus on with their build up to their GCSEs.



## Home Learning Focus

Year 11 have been demonstrating consistently how committed they are to their home learning picking up nominations for best homework and smashing the leader board for revision.

Just a reminder about what we expect of students in Year 11 in regards to home learning and revision.

- Attend all boost sessions this will be part of your revision for the evening.
- Create a revision timetable but not working to an unreasonable hour.
- Create a learning space similar to the exam environment (silence with no distractions).
- Make sure each revision session is 30 – 45 minutes long.
- Make the most of the different Apps that are available for each subject.
- Use Class Charts to support their learning. Parents can also access Class Charts and discuss their progress with them.

If you require any more information please do not hesitate to contact me or watch the video of Information Evening which can be found here:

[CLICK HERE](#)



## Reading Spotlight

Students in Year 11 this half term have been reading topical news in Ready to Learn. They have been covering topics such as democracy, anti-bullying, charity, mental health, Black History Month and the recent conflict in Palestine and Israel. Please speak to your child about these topics.

For reading at home please encourage them to read the set texts for their English Literature exam.

These include A Christmas Carol, Macbeth and An Inspector Calls.

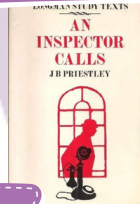
We will be hosting a Scholastic book fair in the academy from Friday 1st December to Wednesday 6th December. Buying books at the book fair will support our academy in receiving free books for our library. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to visit the book fair too. Further information about the books available to buy, and the timings for the book fair, will be shared two weeks before.

A Christmas Carol



Macbeth

An Inspector Calls



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A reminder regarding Year 11 Prom. The Prom will take place on **Thursday 27 June 2024 at Blundells Hill Golf Club**. The cost of this event is £50.00 and includes, transport, mocktails on arrival, a buffet (vegetarian option available) and disco. If you would like your child to attend this event more information can be found on ParentPay here:

[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

If you need assistance with parent pay then please speak to the finance department at the Academy.

## Trips and Events

Next half term we have our Sixth Form Open Evening taking place on Thursday 9th November from 6pm until 8pm. There will be opportunities to see the range of different subjects that our Sixth Form has to offer. There will be a talks from our Principal and Sixth Form staff. A buffet will be provided by our catering students and all students/parents who attend will be entered into a prize draw for a £50 voucher.

