

Year 11 Newsletter

Issue 4 - April 2024

Welcome

Thank you again for taking the time to read this newsletter. We are now in the final few weeks before students begin taking their final exams. Students have continued to demonstrate a real drive and determination to succeed and do well for themselves and their futures. I have been really proud of their attendance to boost sessions, interventions, Saturday tutoring and revision sessions over the Easter half term. Students are well prepared for their exams and again I would like to reiterate that we want students to feel excited about these exams rather than feeling anxious and worried. We want students to feel excited about demonstrating their knowledge to the examiner as they have worked so hard in preparation.

If your child is feeling anxious or worried please reassure them and let them know how prepared they are for their exams.

Mr Hughes

Mrs Boylan



Achievement
Leader



Head of Year

Achievement

Congratulations to the following student who has won a box of chocolates as part of 100% weekly attendance award: **Evy. F.**

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 **Sam. S** and **Liam. S.**

Congratulations to **Amber. S** who won our student of the month for February. Amber has come such a long way during her time at the Academy. From a student who struggled with her attendance to a member of the student leadership team! In Year 10 she made us laugh daily with her (terrible) jokes. But this year Amber has shown real dedication to her Year 11 studies. She is a permanent fixture in the silent study room most evenings after school and has already received quite a few nominations to the Revision Challenge. She is always on hand to support the year team with jobs in a morning and even by making a cup of coffee at the end of a long day in silent study. We are really proud of Amber's journey and look forward to seeing where she goes and what she does next.

Sam. S who won our Student of the Month for March. Sam is a great student who works hard day after day. Before the half term break, he attended the high achiever's day at Saints and always attends the planned Boost and Secure sessions. He always passes pleasantries with staff and has been congratulated on his manner with peers - often holding doors open. We were pleasantly surprised to see him performing at Rock Night with the y11 band, a task that was a little outside of his comfort zone but allowed him another opportunity to shine. Sam is a member of the Student Leadership team but also a valued member of Year 11 who can always be relied on for pupil panels or tours. We look forward to seeing what he does next and wish him the very best of luck



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Assessment Focus

As mentioned previously we are in the last few weeks of preparation for their examinations with GCSEs officially beginning on the 9th May.

Students Tracking 2 data will be sent home on the 19th April please can I ask that you go through this information with your child as this alongside their Personal Learning Checklists (PLCs) will help to identify any gaps in your child's knowledge. Please continue to encourage your child to revise using methods that we are encouraging them to use within school such as revision cards and past papers.

More information about how you can best support your child can be found in the curriculum spotlight part of this newsletter.

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.

Curriculum Spotlight

Thank you to all parents that attended our revision parental conference which gave you valuable information about how you can best support your child with revision for English, Maths, Science, Spanish, Geography and History. It was fantastic to see so many parents there. If you were unable to attend this evening then do not worry there is a copy of the video on our website. Please follow this link to view the video -

[CLICK HERE](#) 

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 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 = Century
- Science = Carousel
- Humanities = Tassomai
- Languages = Languagenut
- Design/Food = Seneca

Please be encouraging your child to revise in preparation for their final exams in the coming weeks.

If you require any more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Reading Spotlight

Students in Year 11 in ready to learn this half term have been reading non-fiction stories from the news which included King Charles cancer diagnosis, Is your pet exposed to second hand smoke, Fuel poverty, Youth drinking in the decline and Curious kids – Interest payments with your bank account. Please take the time to discuss some of these issues with your child.

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

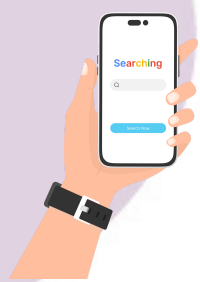
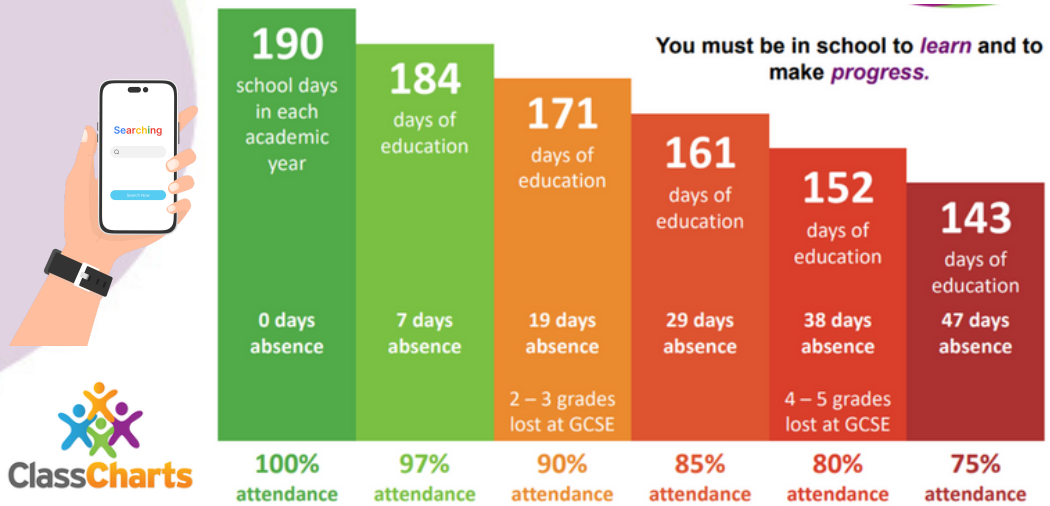
These include **A Christmas Carol, Macbeth and An Inspector Calls.**



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 below at the impact that poor attendance can have on your child's GCSE results.



Trips and Events



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 

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

We will also be sending more information in due course regarding the Year 11 final assembly on Wednesday 26th June and also the time to drop off students for their prom on 27th June.

Aspirations

Parents from across the academy are invited to join us for an evening with Edge Hill University.

This event will be taking place in the Arts Theatre at 5pm on Thursday 25th April.

Parents and carers have been sent a separate communication requesting confirmation of attendance.

The event will focus a range of themes focusing on preparation for university life, suitability of courses and student finance.

Parents and carers are very much encouraged to attend.



What an incredible night at Sutton Rocks!

On Wednesday 27 March, an extraordinary evening unfolded at Sutton Rocks as students from Year 11 and other year groups graced the stage, unveiling their exceptional talents. It was a night filled with music, nostalgia, and unforgettable performances

A selection of photographs from the evening can be found in our website [gallery](#).



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