

Year 11 Newsletter

Issue 1 - October 2024

Welcome

As we reach the end of a successful first half term, we're thrilled to share how much progress has been made across the year group. Our students have shown incredible dedication and resilience, working hard in their studies and actively engaging in lessons. To further support their learning, we've introduced Boost and Secure sessions after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. These targeted sessions are designed to reinforce core concepts, address individual learning needs, and ensure every student feels confident as they progress. These will now pause and continue again in January.

In addition, our students are preparing diligently for their upcoming mock exams in November. We're proud of the effort they've been putting in, both in lessons and during their own study time, and we look forward to supporting them through this important preparation phase. Thank you for your continued encouragement and involvement – your support truly makes a difference!

Achievement

We wanted to highlight a number of students who continue to perform and commit to their studies in each and every lesson.

Amongst lots of the points, students have represented our academy values superbly which include Kindness, Resilience, Reflective and Part of a Community.

The following students achieved the highlights number of Achievement Points in Y11 during the last half term, congratulations to all:

- Katie B*
- Hugo D*
- Zoe C*
- Isabelle G-H*
- Alfie W*

The following students received the most grade 1 attitude to learning points during the last half term.

- Max S*
- Oliver A*
- Oscar D*
- Isobel S*
- Isabelle S*



Student of the Month - September
Scarlett W



Student of the Month - October
Mia A



Mr Cawley

Mr Friar



Achievement Leader

Head of Year

Miss Keenan
KS4
Head of Year

Trips and Events

On Friday 25 October we took a small group of students to Alton Towers for a fun filled afternoon. Although it took us a little time to get there and the weather wasn't on our side, we all had a brilliant time!

Attendance Matters

Attendance to all mock exams is imperative and ensuring your child arrives on time will mean they get full access to the week and they get the best opportunity to complete all exams.

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. As always we encourage students to attend school as much as possible. We know that better attendance not only leads to better outcomes but also the development of life skills that students will need when they leave us.

We regularly communicate rates of attendance home and are always available to discuss any concerns you may have with your child's attendance.



Assessment Focus

Preparing for Mock Exams:

To ensure every student is fully prepared for the mock exams, they will be provided with a full revision list for every subject at least 4 weeks before the exams on Class Charts and/or Teams. Students have been provided with revision resources in lessons and have also been receiving lessons on how best to revise for each subject. In addition, many teachers are running additional sessions for students over the half term break, details of this can be found attached to this email. Students who attend these sessions will be rewarded by the Year 11 team.

It is important to note that all home learning tasks for Year 11, Boost and Secure sessions and any intervention during the school day are all focussed on preparing for these exams. Although attending school and meeting our expectations daily will mean your child has already started preparing, it is also expected that students should be revising independently at home. Please refer back to the information booklet you received on Year 11 Information Evening.

Curriculum Spotlight

Mock exams

GCSE Mock Exams – 11 November 2024:

The mock exam period starts week commencing 11 November 2024 and will run for just over 2 weeks. Mock examinations will take place in exam venues and will be fully invigilated to ensure they are conducted in exam conditions. This week, Student first name will receive their personalised mock exam timetable and we have attached an electronic copy to this email for parents/carers. To ensure students are fully prepared, we have also scheduled 'warm up sessions' with their class teacher ahead of every mock exam and this is something we will also do for the final GCSE examinations.

