

February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

To keep you and your daughter as informed as possible in the next few crucial weeks and months I've put together a 'Year 11 Newsletter' which contains lots of information you and your daughter will find useful. From key dates to key resources this letter should help you navigate what will be a packed 6 months.

If there's anything here you'd like more information about or if there's something else you'd like to know, please do let me know.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Martin

Head of Year 11

Year 11 Newsletter – February 2018

Key dates for your diary:

Weds 28th February to Friday 16th March – Mock exams/PPEs.

Friday 23rd March – #SuperHappyFunNight (Year 11 social evening).

Tues 27th March – Mock exams/PPEs 'Results Day'.

Thurs 3rd May to Thurs 21st June – GCSE exams (*Please note the full GCSE exam timetable can be found on our website*).

Friday 25th May – Formal, timetabled lessons for year 11 students end. (*Please note students must be in school and in lessons up to and including this date*).

Mon 4th June – Year 11 'Alternative Timetable' begins (*Please note that from this date students will only be expected in school for exams and scheduled revision sessions*).

Friday 29th June – Year 11's official 'last day' and leaver's assembly.

Friday 29th June – Year 11 Prom (*At St Edmund's Arts Centre*).

Useful revision tools:

Revision Planner (suitable for all subjects and boards) - <https://goo.gl/RQcUu4>

Study Skills Guide (suitable for all subjects and boards) - <https://goo.gl/wA2qfy>

Revision timetable maker (free log-in required) - <https://getrevising.co.uk/planner>

Revision planner app (highly recommended and free!) - <https://goo.gl/dmXG2U>

Key subject information (dates, revision sessions and other useful information):

Art and Photography – Art and Photography rooms are open to all year 11 students between 2.50-4pm every day of the week until 27th April for independent study, one-to-one support or extended work. Collaboration Art and Photography exam dates – Mon 16th April and Wed 25th April (10hrs).
Non-collaboration Art and Photography exam dates – Weds 18th April and Fri 27th April (10hrs).

English – Mrs Wade will be holding revision/catch up sessions on Monday afternoons, 3-4pm in room M2.1. All year 11 students are welcome.

History – Revision every Wednesday afternoon from 3-3.45pm in M1.6 with Mr Martin and every Friday afternoon from 3-4pm in M3.3 with Miss Hutchings. We have made available a history revision app which can be downloaded here <https://historyapp.pixl.org.uk/>. Please see your teacher for your log-in details.

Geography – Mr Anderson has provided a link to his recommended revision guide <https://goo.gl/JqQxE7>.

French and Spanish – Every Friday 3-4pm in language classrooms. Specific Spanish revision is held on Mondays from 3-4pm in M1.3. Students should be writing, practising and learning their answers to the speaking exam questions. The speaking exam will be held on Monday 30th April. Don't forget to use Duolingo or Memrise to help you revise.

PE – The VCert re-sit exam will be held on Tuesday 13th March.

Maths – We have launched a new revision website called 'Hegarty Maths'. Please ask your daughter about it. If you'd like more information please contact a member of the maths department.

Science – All year 11 students should have access to Tassomai, an online revision resource which can be accessed on a phone, tablet or PC. They should be completing activities on this app for at least 15-20 minutes each day. If you've got any queries about using Tassomai please see Mrs Evans.

Music – The deadline for all music coursework is Wednesday 28th March. This includes compositions with programme notes and a solo and ensemble performance. Music revision is held every Friday in the 'big' music room, 3-4pm. The best revision guide for music is the 'CGP GCSE AQA Music 9-1' guide.

General messages:

Mrs Ingram (Exams Officer) – You will receive your official GCSE 'statement of entry' shortly after ½ term. When you receive this please check that all the personal information is correct and that you are entered for the right exams and in the right tier (higher/foundation). If there are any errors please inform Mrs Ingram immediately. You will also receive your GCSE examinations handbook. This will contain important information and you must read it carefully.

Mr Martin – #SuperHappyFunNight will be held on Friday 23rd March from 6pm until 8.30pm. Put this date in your diaries! A fun evening of raffles, games, quizzes and terrible music. Entry £2 on the night. All money returned as prizes.