# Year 11 Newsletter Issue 2 - January 2024



#### Welcome

Happy new year to you and your family. We now enter the final part of their Year 11 studies. Since receiving their first set of mock examinations I have seen a real of focus. drive and sense determination to get themselves their best outcomes and continue their next journey to further education. Attendance to boost sessions this past term has been outstanding with an average attendance of 92%. The year team are very proud of each one of them for attending these sessions and would like to thank parents for their support ensuring that your child attends these sessions.

#### Mr Hughes



**Achievement** 

Mrs Boylan



**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 below 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:

Andrew. S - Megan. C - Michael. L Cerys. M - Riley. W - Jacob. C Leo. C - Jude. M

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

Dane Cerys. M - Lucy. - Kai. B Jordan-Lee, F - Ava, R - Alex, P Caitlin, A - Gracie. C - Holly. D

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Month for November and December.

**November** – Ava. L is a lovely student who always has a smile on her face and passes pleasantries in the corridor and at lunch. Ava has 557 positive points with 56% of these being grade 1s. Ava has been overcoming some adversities recently after her diagnosis of cyclical vomiting. This often makes getting into school in the morning tricky. We have made reasonable adjustments, and despite finding mornings particularly difficult she has 100% attendance this past half term and has completed all

190 school days in each academic year	184 days of education	171 days of education	You must be in school to learn and to make progress.		
			161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
0 days absence	7 days absence	19 days absence 2 – 3 grades lost at GCSE	29 days absence	38 days absence 4 – 5 grades lost at GCSE	47 days absence
100%	97%	90%	85%	80%	75%

of her mock exams. We are really proud of Ava and the resilience that she is showing. We know that it is not always easy but really appreciate her efforts and the support that she and we receive from home.

December Patrick. has demonstrated that hard work and commitment to your revision can get your rewards. From speaking to Patrick's teachers his outstanding attitude to learning, his revision notes and enthusiasm has allowed him to get outstanding results in first set of mock examinations. Patrick is an outstanding role model to students in Year 11 and the academy and deserves recognition for all his hard work.





### **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 check homework 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 include...

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

In Partnership Evening which takes place on 11th January each student will be given a personalised learning checklist for each subject. Please encourage your child to use this checklist which will help to aid them with their revision.

### **Reading Spotlight**

Students in Year 11 in ready to learn this half term have been reading short stories which include 'My Polish Teacher's tie', 'When the wasps drowned', 'Compass and torch' and 'On seeing the 100% perfect girl...'

They have completed short activities in these ready to learn sessions.

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.

#### **Assessment Focus**

A reminder that the second set of Year 11 Core Mocks will be commencing on Monday 26th February for 1 week. 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.

#### **Mock Results Day**

We held a mock results day for Year 11 following their November mocks. This was held on Monday 8th January.

Please ensure that you 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. This will help with discussions that you will have with your teachers in Partnership Evening.









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## **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:

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#### **Trips and Events**

The English faculty are running a trip to help support students for their English Literature examinations. The trip is to see Macbeth and it will be taking place on the 26th January. Details about this trip have been sent out to parents. The cost is only £10 and further information can be found on parent pay.

The year team will also be arranging a reward trip for students after their February mock examinations.

More information about this trip will follow.



ParentPay



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.

