Year 11 Newsletter

The Sutton Academy

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Welcome

Welcome to the first Year 11 newsletter of the academic year!

It is an exciting and important year ahead for our students as they begin their final chapter at The Sutton Academy, with their first Mock Exams currently underway. We encourage all students to approach the year with positivity, resilience and determination, making the most of every opportunity available to them.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support and look forward to working closely in partnership with you throughout this important year, ensuring every student is supported to achieve their very best. Together, we can make this a successful and memorable final year at The Sutton Academy!

Year 11 Team



Miss Lithgow
Achievement Leader



Mrs Ryder
Head of Year



Mrs Bibby
KS4 Head of Year



Miss Quick
Assistant Principal

Achievement

Well done to all of our Year 11s who have won awards or finished top in the year group for Half Term 1!

English Half Term 1 Hero:
Nominees: Grace B, Kayden K, Emily L, Holly R
Winner: Emily R

Whole School Resilience Award – Amelia M

Whole School A2L Award – Jacob O

ALT Phone Call of the Week – Maisie B, Lexi C, Lucas P, Beth S, Zach M

Our Values
Winners of a most academy values points for Half Term 1:

Kind – Macy J
Resilient – Freya H
Reflective – Grace G
Part of a Community – Bogdan A

Most Overall Achievement Points – Lexi C

Student of the Half Term – Grace G

Year 11 Rewards
As this is the most important year for the students that will see them challenged like never before, the year team will be rewarding students every week to recognise their excellent efforts and achievements. Some of the prizes so far have included chocolate treats for attendance to Boost and Secure, Intervention Invincibles sweet jars for an excellent A2L during R2L, McDonalds lunch for 100% attendance and money off the Prom for completing Summer Projects.

Well done to all students who have won a prize so far!

Well done!

WINNER

Student of the Half Term



Grace G

Attendance Matters

Well done to the students who have 100% attendance so far this academic year! These students are giving themselves the best chance at succeeding in their GCSEs by not having any gaps in learning!

Winners of the 100% Attendance Chocolate Hampers – Maisie B & Kevin O



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TCAT

Engage in Enrichment

Congratulations to Lyla Smith who is part of the Thatto Heath Girls Rugby Team who won the cup champions recently, making her a Treble Winner this season and undefeated for two years!

Congratulations to Year 11 student Jen W, who has achieved her Black Belt in Kickboxing after 10 years of dedication and hard work. Awarded on 16 October, this outstanding achievement reflects Jen's commitment, resilience and determination. Everyone at The Sutton Academy is incredibly proud of her success and wishes her every continued success in the future.





Assessment Focus

Year 11 Mock Results Day will take place on Monday 4th January where students will receive their results. These will form their Tracking 1 Reports which will be sent home to parents/carers. For exam support and timetables please visit our revision hub on our website.

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Visit our Examination Hub:

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Curriculum Spotlight

During Half Term 1, GCSE Dance students focused on Section A of the theory paper, which assesses their knowledge and understanding of choreographic processes and performance skills. This theoretical knowledge has also linked well with their practical work. Students have researched the five choreography questions, selected their preferred question and chosen their music in preparation for beginning to choreograph their solo or group dance during Half Term 2.

Home Learning Focus



Home learning is important because it helps students practice and reinforce what they learn in class.

Boost and Secure – sessions will collapse during the Mock Exams but students can attend Boost and Beyond until 4pm Tuesday-Thursday. Directed Study will be open from 7:30 each day during the exam period for anyone who wants to complete revision.

Exam Preparation: Parent Support – to support your child during the Mock Exams, please check they are using their revision lists and PLCs for each subject. These will help them to get organised and prioritise their revision and can be found on Teams or Class Charts.

Aspirations

Careers Appointments

All students will get the opportunity to have an appointment with Lia Black our Careers Advisor to support with Post 16 choices. If any student needs support asap, please see the Year Team.

Post 16 College Applications

Complete by Thursday 14th January
Year 11 Destination Interviews with ALT will take place the same day.

Official college closing dates:

Cronton and Riverside - Friday 11th December
St Helen's College - Thursday 14th January
Carmel - Friday 29th January

CRONTON SIXTHFORM COLLEGE | Riverside College Widnes & Runcorn | St Helens College | carmel college

Trips and Events

Barclays Mock Interviews



In September, Year 11 took part in mock interviews conducted by employees from Barclays Bank. The event is designed to allow students to experience a real interview situation to prepare them for their futures. The visitors were thoroughly impressed by the students' positive attitudes and preparation that had gone into their responses. Well done to Sebastian C, Dylan J and Kiya M who particularly stood out on the day!

Alton Towers Scare Fest

Back in October, students from Year 11 and Year 13 visited Alton Towers theme park for the annual Scarefest event. Students and staff alike had an amazing time! Well done to Esme M who came home with a giant highland cow! Mark M – what happened to your tiny one?!





Japan 2026

An Unforgettable Art and Culture Trip to Tokyo, Japan!

The Art Department, accompanied by Mrs Mc Birney and staff embarked on an incredible nine-day adventure to Tokyo, Japan, with 45 students. The trip was a fantastic opportunity for students to immerse themselves in Japanese culture, explore iconic landmarks and develop their artistic skills.

Students experienced the vibrant sights, sounds and flavours of Tokyo, visiting famous attractions including the bustling Shibuya Crossing, the beautiful Meiji Shrine, the colourful streets of Harajuku and, of course, the magical Tokyo Disneyland!





Throughout the trip, students participated in a variety of exciting creative activities, including traditional Japanese calligraphy workshops, cooking experiences, drawing and photography. These hands-on opportunities allowed students to explore Japanese traditions, gain inspiration and develop a deeper appreciation of the country's rich artistic heritage.

The adventure began with a journey via Doha, flying with Qatar Airways, where students enjoyed a comfortable and luxurious travel experience.

The trip was a wonderful combination of art, culture, creativity and adventure, providing students with unforgettable memories, new friendships and experiences that will inspire them for years to come.

