

19 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to so many Year 8 Parents and Carers who attended the Parents' Evening yesterday. We look forward to seeing Year 10 Parents and Carers on Thursday February 1st and letters will be sent home regarding this early next week.

Contact information

It is really important that our information in school is up to date regarding addresses, phone numbers and emails so that we can contact you. If there have been any recent changes can you please inform the school office as soon as possible so that our systems are accurate.

Meetings with staff

We are always willing to meet with Parents and Carers and to discuss any concerns. Could I please ask though that you do not just turn up at school but do ring to make an appointment with the relevant member of staff.

Polymaths Group

Congratulations to the year 11 boys who have worked with Mr Churm over the past year as part of the Polymaths group. The Polymaths Programme is a project with high achieving boys to help develop their knowledge, skills and interests across a variety of subjects and topics beyond the usual school curriculum. Themes have included politics, philosophy, law and mythology. They take part in seminars and discussions with diverse titles such as 'Space in art', 'What does achievement look like?' and 'How do we know we really exist?' They have also researched and completed an essay and a presentation on a topic of their own choice. At the end of the programme, they are awarded bronze, silver or gold, depending on their engagement and individual projects. We look forward to hearing their presentations next Thursday evening.

Year 11 and 'Elevate'

On the 23rd of January Year 11 students will be taking part in the first of two workshops from Elevate education. The workshops are designed to support students by covering a range of topics to help motivate and organise their time in the build up to their exams in May.

The first session is called time management and will cover topics such as:

- Study routines - developing routines that allow for socialising and other activities but still get the academic work done.
- Working smart - what work will help get them the most marks and how to ensure it gets done.
- Study groups - how to work with others when revising
- Procrastination - why are they not doing enough work and how to overcome this.

In addition to the workshop there is a **Parents/Carers session at 4pm** in the school hall. This session will focus on how you can help your sons and daughters in current Year 11 to use their time effectively, support them and motivate them in their studying. Parents will get access to monthly parent webinars that are run by Elevate and an e-book to follow up and extend on the best ways to support students through exams.



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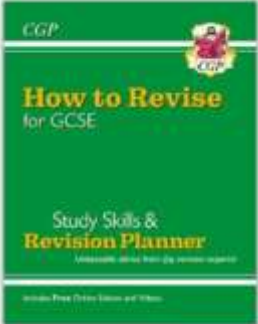
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I would like to thank Year 11 for the excellent way in which they conducted themselves during the recent mock exams. They will have a further series of mocks in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science in February. It is sobering to realise that they have now had 17 teaching weeks in Year 11 and there are only 13 teaching weeks left until the start of the main exam series in May!

Year 10 and 11

This helpful publication is available in school for just £2.50



New How to Revise for GCSE: Study Skills & Planner - from CGP, the Revision Experts (inc new Videos)

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ISBN: 9781799082807

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Take a Look

Dates this half term

- Polymaths Group Awards Event – Thursday January 25th at 6pm. A separate letter has been sent to those involved
- Year 10 Parents’ Evening – Thursday February 1st
- SHINE: mental health coffee morning for parents/carers – Tuesday February 6th at 9.30am
- Pastoral & pupil Premium Drop in – Wednesday February 7th from 3.30-6pm
- Half term: Monday 12th – Friday 16th February



Current attendance:	
Year 7	94%
Year 8	91%
Year 9	92%
Year 10	88%!!
Year 11	87%!!

English Rewards Trip

Congratulations to Reece, Roman and Chris (Year 7), Ella, Renae and Emily (Year 8) and Milana, Macy and Heidi (Year 9) who will be taking part in an English rewards trip on Wednesday next week.

College Taster Session

Blackpool Theatre Collective are running a College Insight Day aimed at Year 10 and 11 students interested in singing and acting on 24 March 2024. Further information is on the attached flyer.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Waller
Headteacher