



Montgomery Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of some important dates and events on the horizon for your year 11 son/daughter. This is a very important year. Prior to the Careers Evening last week your son/daughter had a 1:1 meeting with a senior member of staff to discuss their year 10 exams, thoughts about careers and their start to year 11.

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| Week commencing 3 rd November | – in class English assessments |
| 6 th November | – Progress Evening #1 – meet with your child's teachers to discuss their current attainment |
| Week commencing 24 th November | – Data collection 1 report issued (includes effort grades) |
| Week commencing 1 st December | – Science and Maths assessments |
| 22 nd January | – Human Utopia "motivational, life changing courses for young people" |
| Fortnight commencing 26th January Year 11 Mock Examinations | |
| 19 th March | – Progress Evening #2 – final opportunity to meet with teachers, reports handed out |
| 30 th March | – Easter holiday fortnight – there will be extra revision sessions available throughout |
| 7 th May | – Main GCSEs begin |
| 17 th June | – Final GCSE date |
| 24 th June | – Contingency day in the event of national/significant local disruption in the UK |
| 3 rd July | – Prom |

"Stop the Drop" Reward Scheme

We have found that students who attend extra intervention sessions tend to perform better in the summer examinations than those that do not. As such we are looking to **incentivise attendance at non-core before and after school/Easter school sessions**, building upon the scheme offered last year. This will reward those students that attend anyway and may also act as a motivator for those that are more reluctant.

Your son/daughter will be issued with a personalised reward sticker card. They will need to collect 30 stickers by attending relevant before/after school/Easter school sessions to qualify for a **£60 reward**. This money will either be discounted from their year book/prom ticket OR if these are already paid for an Amazon voucher. Last year around 120 students benefitted from the scheme. The scheme will run from Monday 3rd November to Friday 1st May 2026. All students will begin with £60 monty pounds in their "account", which will reduce if they do not attend a certain number of interventions by certain deadlines. In order to "**stop the drop**" they will need to attend 6 non-core after school sessions by Christmas to stop their reward dropping by £10 to £50 (and so on). **They will need to look after their card carefully as we will not be responsible for lost cards.** At the end of a session students will be issued with the relevant subject sticker, assuming they have been well behaved and attentive throughout. Please ask to see their card once these have been issued. More detail about the process is included on the reverse of their card or feel free to telephone me or email at c.montgomery@montgomery.fcat.org.uk if you wish to discuss this further.

Compulsory Period 6

In addition to the optional reward scheme for non-core after school sessions detailed above we will be running some compulsory period 6 sessions **for some students** in English, maths and science starting in January. These sessions will take place on Monday for English/Science and Tuesday for Maths/Science. The sessions will be compulsory where we do not feel students are working with enough **effort** in class or on homework tasks to be successful in the summer. Whilst a 4 o'clock finish may be inconvenient for some families we are sure you can appreciate the added weight from colleges and employers for passes at least at grade 4 in English, maths and science. You will be notified in advance if your child has not completed the required work and is therefore required in one of these sessions. There will be separate optional sessions on these evenings for any other students that wish to come along.

We wish your sons and daughters well over the coming months and are here to support you with them in what can be, for some, a stressful time. I look forward to seeing you in person at the Progress Evening at the start of November and at other events throughout the year.

Best wishes,

Claire Montgomery

Mrs C Montgomery - Senior Deputy Headteacher