

Y11 Newsletter

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Y11 News and Information

Mock Exams – 3 weeks to go!

The Y11s have had another busy week as they build up towards their first vital set of mock exams. You should be seeing them complete homework regularly to consolidate their learning as well as begin to start their revision for mock examinations. They have also started to think ahead to next year and their options for Post 16: Sixth Form Open Evening (details below) is an opportunity for them to speak to subject areas and gain more information about what we offer.

This week's assembly was about the power of the brain, the importance of revision and how the more you revisit a topic, the easier it becomes to remember. In tutor time sessions students have again spent time on literacy activities, learning study skills, as well as deciding which subjects they would like to choose for their Post 16 Taster Day on Friday 25 October.

Next week is Reading Week. In order to boost their literacy and develop their appetite for reading, all students will be reading together at the start of each lesson. With GCSE exams containing a wider range of vocabulary it is really important that our Y11 students spend time reading and developing a comprehensive understanding of the English language.

Y11 Google Classroom

I have given the Y11 students a copy of the code for their Y11 Google Classroom. Please help us ensure they have all joined this by Monday. I will use it to communicate helpful information and advice as we go through the year. The code to join is: **a1jjv5q**

Subject Messages/Information

English

We would like to invite all parents and students to attend our English Literature revision sessions, the first one being on Tuesday 22 October 4.30pm-5.30pm. These will give an important insight into what they've been studying and how to revise for their literature exam. These sessions will last approximately 1 hour and will give you a better understanding of the knowledge required for Literature examinations, thus allowing you to support your child with independent learning and revision.

A letter has been emailed home and is available to view on the website. Please confirm your attendance by logging onto ParentPay.

Subject Messages/Information

Science

Revision - all google classrooms have a full suite of revision resources including checklists, powerpoint revision slides and exam questions. After school revision takes place for combined science on Thursday and triple science on Friday 3-4pm in their main teacher's classroom.

All combined students are set doddle quizzes and exam questions on alternate weeks for homework.

Kognity

We have signed up for a free trial with Kognity, an online interactive revision guide and question bank. All students have been sent login details to their heanorgate.org.uk email account. Please encourage your child to try it as a revision tool for the mock exams.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 17 October 2019

All Y11 students and their parents/carers are invited to our Sixth Form open evening on Thursday 17 October 2019 from 6.00pm. The evening will include a short presentation on the Sixth Form's vision and ethos at 6.00pm (repeated at 7.00pm), whilst the rest of the evening can be used to meet with subject staff to find out more about the courses and opportunities on offer. The presentation will take place in the Sixth Form building, with subject information available in the nearby classrooms. As a follow up to this event, on Friday 25 October 2019 Y11 will participate in our Sixth Form taster day. During this day students will have the opportunity to experience Sixth Form lessons and have already selected their subject choices. It is hoped that both these events support students in making a well informed decision around their Sixth Form programme of study, with applications to the Sixth Form welcomed from Thursday 17 October 2019 (completed online).

Book recommendation:

I strongly recommend buying and reading this book with your son/daughter. It is an easy read (it is designed for teenagers) but the science and psychology that goes into this book is amazing and will have a positive impact on all of the students as they navigate the challenging months ahead.

You are Awesome – Matthew Syed (<https://www.amazon.co.uk/You-Are-Awesome-Confidence-Bestseller-ebook/dp/B076ZTRRTT>)

Key dates coming up:

17 October – Post 16 Open Evening, 6.00pm-8.00pm

23 October – GCSE Music Recital, 7.00pm-9.00pm

25 October – Post 16 Taster Day

5 November – Mock exams begin