



YEAR 11 BULLETIN

Friday 10th May 2024

A significant milestone for Year 11



We hope you enjoyed a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend. This week marked the start of the GCSE exams for our Year 11 students. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication they have demonstrated in preparation for these first exams.

All students have been attending exam warm up sessions during Period 0, before their morning exam and during Period 3 and 4 for afternoon exams. These warm up sessions are led by their subject teachers and are crucial for fine-tuning exam strategies and entering the exam hall with confidence. Therefore, 100% attendance and punctuality remain key, with warm up sessions beginning at 8.25am each day.

To support your child during the exam period, here are our top tips:

- Punctuality and attendance: Ensure your child is on time for school every day, ready for the exam warm up session at 8.25am. Breakfast is available for students in the canteen from 8.00am. Subject teachers will also be there to support students.
- Daily revision: No subject homework will now be set. However, please encourage your child to continue to follow the weekly revision timetable on Google Classroom and complete daily revision with frequent breaks.
- Evening routine: To ensure a calm start to the morning, help your child get into the habit of preparing their bag, equipment and uniform the night before each exam.
- A good night's sleep: Promote a relaxing evening routine by putting away mobile phones/devices and aiming for eight hours sleep every night to support memory and concentration.

We are here to support our students and families. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Don't forget our additional offer for Year 11s:
breakfast revision, working lunch and champion's hour sessions

Line-up shout outs!

Every day at lunch time line-up, we celebrate the Year 11 students who have been nominated by their subject teachers for brilliantly demonstrating one of our school values: excellence, integrity, collaboration, drive. Students receive a chocolate bar (and a round of applause from the year group!).

Year 11s who have received individual nominations this week:

- Laurelle (English - excellence) nominated by Mr Douglas
- Josiah (Biology - excellence) nominated by Miss Friday
- Saimma and Bianca (Geography - drive) nominated by Miss Coupland
- Alicia (Geography - drive) nominated by Ms Feist
- Hollie (Sociology - drive) nominated by Mr Keh
- Amelia and Bianca (Chemistry - collaboration) nominated by Mr Ramnarain
- Dajoni (Business Studies - drive) nominated by Miss Baatjes
- Morgan, Isabella, Mariam, Landen, Daishon, Zak (History - drive) nominated by Miss Montebello

Key dates

9th May

GCSE written exams begin

26th June

GCSE contingency date (official end to the GCSE exam period). All students must be available for this date in the unlikely event that a national examination is rescheduled. Please do not plan to be away until after this date.

4th July

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22nd August

GCSE results day

