



# YEAR 11 BULLETIN

Friday 4th July 2025



**Dear families,**

Welcome to the first Year 11 bulletin!

Year 11 have made a fantastic start since they formally transitioned on Monday 23rd June. We started their final academic year with a welcome assembly, where each student also received a 'Welcome to Year 11' booklet filled with helpful

information and advice from our team, as well as from past Year 11 students. We also showed the students what a post-16 reference looks like, ran through how to use the Revision Timetable, and launched our first Year 11 reward.

We are also delighted to report that following a PPE Briefing Assembly on Wednesday 25th June whereby we outlined the examination rules, students have made an excellent start to their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). Their focus, determination and maturity have been impressive. Ms Hyde, our Examinations Officer, has also praised their smooth exam entry and exit routines already.

Many students are also taking full advantage of the revision resources we have available in the Silent Study Centre (SSC) and we have seen record attendance at Breakfast Revision, Working Lunch and Champions' Hour sessions - so much so that we've had to ask our wonderful canteen team to bake extra cookies to keep up!

## **Punctuality and attendance – every day counts**

Thank you for ensuring your child arrives to school on time. Breakfast revision starts at 8.00am, with worksheets available (plus a croissant or toast!). Please note: There are no catch-up opportunities for PPEs. Missed exams will result in a score of 0 marks for that paper.

## **Homework and revision timetable**

Homework at Orchard Park is revision – planned carefully by teachers to support your child's progress. Please check in with your child regarding homework completion and encourage use of the weekly Revision Timetable.

## **Evening routine and sleep**

A calm and consistent evening routine is vital for success. Key tips include:

- Preparing uniform and exam equipment (clear pencil case, black pens, pencil, ruler, calculator) the night before
- Reducing screen time and putting phones away at least an hour before bedtime
- Aiming for at least 8 hours of sleep to support memory and focus

We are committed to supporting our students and families throughout this important year. If you any questions or require further support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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## **Line-up shout outs!**

Year 11 students have already earned so many fantastic shout-outs over the past two weeks! Here are some of the highlights:

- **Lucia A (Sociology)** – nominated by Mr Olson for Drive: For diligently completing a past paper for Friday. An amazing sense of drive.
- **Sophie and Cayenne (Business)** – nominated by Ms Baatjies for Drive: Well done for completing extra Business exam practice!
- **Kamaran and Lelas (Biology)** – nominated by Miss Friday for Drive: Showing DRIVE by bringing in biology exam questions they've completed at home for me to mark.
- **Dasko, Safi, Zachary, Jai, Zahmari, Emyphil, Marques (PSHE)** – nominated by Miss Coupland for Collaboration: It was a pleasure visiting your PSHE lessons and listening to your brilliant contributions in the lesson about Culture.
- **Fiza (English)** – nominated by Miss Veall for Excellence: A wonderful essay written on the presentation of Morality in Macbeth, completed in their own time.
- **Charlie D, Kieron, Riley M, George G, Shakeel, Emmi, Alex Ma (PE)** – nominated by Ms Hansford for Excellence: Scoring 100% on the Health and Fitness homework questions!
- **Riley (PE)** – nominated by Ms Hansford for Excellence: The most improved student in the Health and Fitness homework questions!
- **Emyphil (History)** – nominated by Ms Montebello for Drive: Working really hard on her history homework, and getting 100% on exam practice.



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## Next week's revision timetable

The timetable has been carefully planned by subject teachers at Orchard Park to support Year 11 with exam preparation, including for the PPEs.

Each week, the timetable focuses on one topic per subject, making revision purposeful and manageable.

It includes specific revision activities for each topic.

Students have received a printed pack of the Revision Timetables for the term to track their progress, and a digital version is uploaded weekly to Google Classroom and the school website.

Every revision activity completed brings students closer to achieving excellent GCSE grades.

Parents/carers can access the revision timetable each week using this link:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hcDRg4tOMOG0EG8bC\\_q4GeY7-lxCuKBH\\_A3YNCQHweA/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hcDRg4tOMOG0EG8bC_q4GeY7-lxCuKBH_A3YNCQHweA/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

Please continue to discuss the timetable with your child and check in on how much they have completed.

## Reminder – PPE equipment

- Clear, see-through pencil case
- Black pens (blue pen is not allowed in examinations)
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Calculator
- Clear plastic water bottle, with the label removed

## More line up shout outs...

Here are some more of the highlights:

- **Safi** (Sociology) – nominated by Mr Olson for Collaboration: Great peer review of someone else's homework. You demonstrated brilliant knowledge!
- **Eva-Louise** (History) – nominated by Mr Evans for Excellence: For consistently giving 100% in history lessons, great turn and talk discussions and excellent written work as a result.
- **Christos** (Biology) – nominated by Miss Friday for Drive: Christos has created fantastic biology revision resources of the key diagrams from units 1 to 5!
- **Heather, Molly and Rhys** (Maths) – nominated by Ms Devane for Drive: Well done for demonstrating an intuitive understanding of how to work backwards to find missing values in triple bracket expressions.
- **Alex** McL, Riley, Louie, Mia, Regan L, Aurio (Maths) – nominated by Mr Baksh for Drive: Excellent work on Sparx Revision!
- **Miles** (Music) – nominated by Mr Sahl-Taylor for Excellence: Great drumming for the solo recording!

## Daily revision opportunities

- **Breakfast revision** led by Miss Coupland. 8.00am to 8.25am in the canteen every morning. Short revision worksheets provided, and free toast is available.
- **Working lunch** – In the SSC every day from 1.00pm to 1.30pm. This is a supervised, silent study session for Year 11 to complete revision and homework at lunchtime.
- **Champions' Hour** – In the SSC every day from 3.40pm to 4.40pm. This is another supervised, silent study session for Year 11 to complete revision and homework after school.

**“Success is the sum of small actions repeated every day.”**