

14 October 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Important Information - Year 11

Well done to Year 11 students who all engaged very positively on Thursday with their sessions on the Sixth Form taster Day. A lot of students also enjoyed the "ASK" session about apprenticeships. Our visiting speaker gave a lot of insights into the world of work generally and recommended <u>Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>. It was great to talk to many students and parents at the Sixth Form Options Evening too. We hope the whole day has helped your child see how hard work in Year 11 will help them realise their ambitions for the future.

In this letter, you will find important information regarding the next few weeks, including key dates and events that will be crucial for your child's progress. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to working together for the best possible outcomes next summer.

November Mock Timetable

The November mock exams timetable is now available on Arbor. These exams are an important part of our assessment process, providing valuable practice and feedback for each student. This exam series is very intense, designed to mirror the packed schedule that students face next summer. Results from mock exams will provide students with an understanding of where they are now and how they need to improve in each subject. We will hold a "results day" in December, when students will receive an envelope containing all their grades. Opening this envelope is part of the mock exams experience, helping students visualise their August 2025 results day. To access the timetable, please log in to your Arbor account. You will find detailed information about the dates and times of each exam. Please be aware that the seat allocation may change in some cases.

Half Term Revision

To find time to relax and to revise, students should plan the half term week carefully. Tutors will give out planning sheets and advise their students to fill in prior commitments and some activities they want to enjoy during the week first. Students should then plan around 1.5 hours per subject for half-term-homework and revision, and commit to when they will get this done, fitting it around rest and leisure. We do ask parents and carers to go over this plan with their child and help them stick to it at home. Techniques for revising effectively will be taught to all students in the year group by outside speakers (from Elevate Education) this Thursday and consolidated by subject teachers in subsequent lessons.

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Elevate Education Webinar: How You Can Help Your Child Set Up for Success in Exams

One of the most frequent questions we receive from parents is what *they* can do to help get their child prepared for exams, which is why we wanted to remind you that Elevate Education's next webinar on **exam skills and preparation** takes place on Tuesday 15 October 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- How to create a road map with your child to maximise success in their exams
- Structuring their final week before exams
- How to stay on track & avoid cramming or stressing the night before

To register for free, please follow this link - https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar

Exam papers over half term

Teachers are setting one exam paper per subject that must be done over the half term week. A pack of papers will be issued to your child on Weds 23 October. These will be collected back in from the students on Monday 4 November. Some subjects will set other work appropriate to their course. A letter detailing what each subject is setting will be emailed home before the half term week begins.

To help students with doing their homework, we are offering a Half Term Study Space in College from 9.00am - 3.00pm on Weds 30 October. Please email Mr Lamb (ashley.lamb@mrc-academy.org) if you would like your child to attend. Some subject teachers will also be there to guide students and snacks will be provided. Students may wear their own clothes rather than school uniform. Transport to and from College is not provided for this event.

We know that Year 11 is a demanding, very busy academic year for students. We are impressed with the hard work our students are already doing and thank you for the support and encouragement you give at home. Please do contact us by email about academic and pastoral concerns if they arise.

Yours sincerely

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