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YEAR 11 MATTERS

Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

This week the Year 11 students have started their second set of mock exams. We are proud of the dedication and hard work they have been doing in their lessons and revision sessions in College and at home.

We understand that this period can be both exciting and stressful for our students, and we are here to support them every step of the way. Our teachers are providing resources and guidance to help them prepare effectively for their exams.

We look forward to sharing the results of the mock exams with you at Tracking Point 4. This will be an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and identify areas where further support or more effort may be needed.

We look forward to awarding subject prizes at the Gilbert Hannam evening on 20 March. If your child has won an award for attainment or excellent attitude to learning you will recently have received an inviting to this event.

As always, we remind parents and guardians that these newsletters contain important information and updates about College activities, events, and student progress.

Thank you for your continued support.

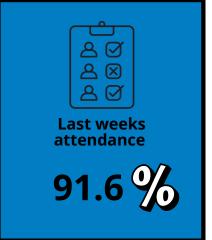
Mr Ashley Lamb Head of Year Mrs Fiona Lunskey Assistant Principal **1.** Half Term Study Club

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Easter and Summer Break Studies

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CNAT - Sports Studies



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

11 March 2025

 Elevate Education - Online webinar - How you can help your child prepare for exams

20 March 2025

• Gilbert Hannam - Church service and Awards evening

31 March 2025

• Elevate Education - Face to Face workshop for all Year 11 Students - Exam preparation





1. Half Term Study Club

A dedicated bunch of students took the opportunity to attend College for a day's supervised study during half term. Year 11 students were set around 12 hours' work for the half term week which they could complete a large amount of at our Study Club. Mrs Kinally, Mrs Bedford and Mrs Lavelle also kindly put on study sessions to help with completing GCSE coursework in photography, textiles and product design.

Students brought their work along with them on Wednesday and everyone rotated through three sessions with MRC staff. Ms Fay offered a useful taught session to help pupils prepare for an English Language mock paper coming up soon, whilst Mr Lamb and Mrs Lunskey supervised study on and offline in different subjects. Breaking up study at regular intervals is also important so, in between, students also enjoyed games of pool and relaxing in the Sixth Form common room.

Starting structured revision now will ensure our students do well in their exams and help them avoid last minute stress or panic. We hope they continue working consistently up until the end of the 2025 GCSEs.

2. Easter and Summer Break Studies

Including INSET days students have a total of 19 days away from school over Easter. But of course, in Year 11, it won't be a complete break from learning. Indeed, this break is an important window for students to revise and rest before a very busy exam period.

Times and dates of subject specific GCSE support sessions for designated students are currently being planned for both the Easter break and the May half term week. Once the sessions are decided, parents and carers will be sent invitations to sign their child up in advance. Sessions will be 2 hours long between 10am and midday or between 12.30 and 2.30pm.

At Easter, Year 11 students will also be set an exam paper per subject to do over the break. These will be handed out and collected in by class teachers. These exam papers will give students something defined and tangible to complete in addition to attending some taught sessions and doing individual revision.

3.CNAT Sports Studies Results Afternoon

We look forward to welcoming parents of Year 11 students studying CNAT sport to the CNAT Sports Studies Results Afternoon on Wednesday 26 March 2025, starting at 4:00PM in the library. This event will be a celebration of the hard work and dedication your child has shown throughout their Key Stage 4 Sports Studies course.

Students and parents will be able to collect the results from the exam Saturday 8 March. It will be a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our CNAT Sports Studies students.

If your child is not satisfied with their result or we believe their result came be improved, there will be an opportunity to resist the paper. Mr. Hancock will discuss this option with individuals.

Spring Term Webinar Schedule

How to Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking

Learn how your child can take their notes in a more effective way, improving their memory **and** saving them time.



How You Can Make Technology an Ally (Not the Enemy!)

With more and more schoolwork being set online, we'll show you how you can utilise all the **good** parts of tech - and remove the bad.



How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams

We'll show you what kinds of work your child should (and should not) be doing in the run-up to exam season.



How You Can Support Your Child During Exams

Learn how to help your child manage overwhelm, stress, and anxiety during exam season.



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