



# Year 11 Matters!



## Newsletter—October 2021

### Your Future Starts Here!

Students leaving school in 2022 are expected to have a working career of 54 years! The next few months are going to be crucial in shaping that bright future. I am encouraging Year 11 to take control of their future. Burying their heads in the sand and hoping revision and mocks are going to go away will only increase anxiety and lead to underperformance. The mantra has been “Start your revision now and do a little often”. As I write this, there are just 40 days to the start of the full set of Mocks starting on 29<sup>th</sup> November. The prospects are good with the attitude in the examination hall exemplary during the recent Science Mocks. One invigilator commented that “This is the best year group I have known”.



### Why the Mock Exams are so Important

- They check how much you know. This will inform future teaching, study groups and your revision.
- Revision will improve your grades.
- Exam practice will improve your calmness and exam technique.
- Learning it now will stop last minute panics in the summer.
- If the exams are cancelled again the mocks will provide important evidence for teachers to award you grades.

During the Enrichment Days, I worked with Year 11 on exam preparation and effective revision skills. We looked at why the forthcoming mocks are the most important ever. We also examined how active revision skills can lead to more effective retention of information saving them time on their revision so they can importantly still have a social life and a balanced range of activities.

#### 10 Parent/Carer Achievement Prompts:

1. Has your son/daughter started revising for the Mock Exams starting on 29<sup>th</sup> November?
2. Are they doing a weekly timetable of revision? Are you able to celebrate and reward completed revision?
3. Can you test them or could they teach you? Your interest is so motivational to them.
4. Are they actively learning through past papers, interactive websites (e.g. Seneca/Hegarty), Mind Maps, Flash Cards?
5. Is their attendance 97% or higher? Missed learning now will damage final grades. Students with attendance below 90% are likely to achieve 2 grades lower per subject than those with higher attendance.
6. Are they attending Study Groups? These revision support sessions after school provide crucial support to maximise performance. We can help with transport.
7. Please look at the letters from English and Maths identifying the home learning requirements for half term.
8. Please discuss their future career plans, this can help to raise aspiration. Trace the steps needed for success back to these forthcoming Mocks to help motivate them.
9. Please read together the relevant pages of the booklet entitled ‘How to succeed with your GCSE Subjects’.
10. Is your son/daughter becoming too anxious? Please contact the school for support.



**Mr R Eadon (Deputy Head of School)**



## Year 11 Study Groups Timetable 2021-2022

This study groups timetable is valid until October half term

Subject	Day	Time	Room
English	Tuesday	3.15-4.15	Eng Dept
Maths	Monday	3.15-4.15	M1,2,3
Lunchtime Maths ( <i>Sessions are invitation only</i> )	Tuesday & Thursday	12.15-12.55	M1
Further Maths ( <i>Sessions are invitation only</i> )	Friday	3.15-4.15	M1
Science	Thursday	3.15-4.15	Science Dept
Animal Care ( <i>After school sessions are invitation only</i> )	Monday	3.00-4.30	R1
	Tuesday	12.15-12.55 & 3.00-4.30	R1
	Wednesday	Week A 11.50 / Week B 12.15	R1
Art	Monday	3.00-4.30	AR1
Drama	Drama is available when booked (in consultation with <i>scheduled</i> departments).		Drama Dept
D & T	Tuesday	3.15-4.15	DT2, DT4 & DT5
French	Monday	12.15-12.55	LA2 (week A) LA5 (week B)
Geography	Thursday	3.15-4.15	HU1
German	Tuesday	12.15-12.55	CS1
History ( <i>Week A only</i> )	Friday	12.15-12.55	HU8
PE	Friday	3.15-4.30	P1, CS5
Philosophy & Ethics ( <i>Week A only</i> )	Tuesday	12.15-12.55 & 3.15-4.15	P4
Sociology	Monday	3.15-4.15	P5

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will (hopefully) be aware that this newsletter will be my last. I am moving pastures, in fact, leaving teaching due to pursue new opportunities. Mr Rafferty will take over as Head of Year 11. His enthusiasm and commitment is infectious. Mr Eadon remains as Head of Key Stage 4. He has a brilliant dedication to all students at the school.



Please be aware that your children have been wonderful to me. They have really changed my life for the better and I will look back very fondly when thinking about The Warriner School. Whether this was being a tutor, teaching music, playing weird songs to sheep on the farm or finding moments of laughter in all opportunities, I will remember these as the good days.

For the students, it is a very important year. You will hear this a lot. Don't get bored of hearing it. But equally, don't be defined by it. You should always push yourself to become who you want to be. Sometimes, we are not dealt with the cards we wish we had. In those moments, we learn more about our own character than we realise. Use those opportunities to grow. Always empower yourself to be the best you can be.

I've told Mrs Webb to get in touch if ever in need of a bassist, so maybe you will see me around in future concerts. If I don't get to see you, BEST OF LUCK - life can be brilliant!

Best wishes, Matthew Helsby.

### PROM — Friday 1st July 2022

This year marks 50 years of The Warriner! The Year 11 Prom will form the cornerstone of a weekend of celebrations.

There will be a marquee, dancing, a hog roast and lots of activities.

More information will be available later in the year. **Watch this space!**



20th October	Y11 Subject Consultation Evening—the first of two this year to ensure that students have the best possible chance in Year 11
29th November	Year 11 Mocks Exams start
16th December	Year 11 Big Reveal
3rd March	Y11 Subject Consultation Evening
21st March	Year 11 Mock Exams