

Year 11 Matters

Monthly Newsletter

December 22



Congratulations and Happy Christmas!

Firstly, congratulations to all the Year 11 students who sat mocks over a two-week period at the end of November. Also, sincere thanks to our amazing exams officers and invigilators who supported the process. This has been a long but positive Autumn Term and our fabulous students deserve a break and to come back in January refreshed.

We have an ever-increasing number of student and their families requesting that students sit exams outside the main exam hall. Whilst we work to try and support this for those who will benefit, we also need to be mindful of the impact that larger numbers in these alternative locations can have. On this basis, I will be working with the exams team, school SENDCo and Mr Eadon to review students' exam rooms and our alternative assessment spaces to ensure that we are meeting the needs of as many students as possible. This may also involve us speaking to students and families and I thank you in advance for your time and understanding on this matter.

I was lucky enough to join the English Department, Ms Newman and Y11 pupils at The RSC for a performance of A Christmas Carol. What a Thursday night! The feedback from students was great and I felt privileged to be with so many on their first visit to the home of The Bard. I hope that this amazing interpretation of the piece will be a benefit to those studying it as part of their GCSEs.

Finally, a big well done to the Y11 rugby and netball teams and their success in becoming North Oxfordshire Champions. It was wonderful to see the number of students, family members, friends and Warriner staff present to cheer them on.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you in the New Year. 2023 is set to be an exciting, challenging, and successful year! **Mr Evans – Head of Year 11**

The Big Reveal

During Lesson 5 on Monday 19th December, Year 11 will receive an envelope containing their Autumn Mock Exam Results. This is a non-uniform day just for Year 11, as we try to replicate collecting their GCSE results in August 2023. Year 11 will be asked to consider three key questions when they open their Mock Results envelope:

- 1. Could you have prepared better for the Autumn Mocks?**
- 2. What is your approach to your studies going to be in January 2023?**
- 3. If you got these results in the summer what would be the consequences for you?**



Whatever the Mock Results, students have time to make excellent progress as they start **'The Sprint Finish'** towards the real exams. Year 12 students will be sharing their experiences of their Results Day last year and giving appropriate advice. There will be careers advice on formulating a Career Plan A and B. Information about the Sixth Form and local colleges will be provided, and there will be plenty of time to discuss the results with friends and members of staff. On a lighter note, there will be the opportunity to look forward to their Yearbook, Leavers' Hoodie, Leavers' Day, and the Year 11 Prom.

The Sprint Finish!

2023 is the most important year of your child's education. Do you remember that first day at primary school where it all started? August will be where they get their reward for their years of schooling and homework. We want our lovely students to rest, celebrate and recuperate over Christmas so that they can return on Thursday 5th January, fresh and eager to put in the hard graft, to earn the results that will increase their life chances. They need to be ready for the challenge, ready for the Sprint Finish!



English & Maths Matter

In Term 3 we will be encouraging all Year 11 students to attend the following Study Groups between 3.10-4.10pm:

Mondays - Maths

Tuesdays - English

This Period 6 support will help students upgrade their performance in the Spring Mocks which run for three weeks starting on 27th February. Students are advised to maximise their grades in these subjects as they are crucial to entry into Sixth Forms, Colleges and Apprenticeships. They increase chances in job interviews and a grade 4 or above prevents the need for further study and compulsory resits post 16. Please contact your child's tutor if transport is a barrier to attendance at these sessions.

Pressure of Exams

We are here to help. Talk to us if exam stress or levels of anxiety are becoming too much. We work in partnership with the Oxfordshire Health Team on strategies that can make all the difference to how students are feeling.

WHAT IS EXAM ANXIETY?

- Butterflies in your stomach
- Headaches, tiredness or shakiness
- Excessive worry
- Exam fear
- Apprehension about the consequences
- Difficulty concentrating
- Inability to recall information
- Panic attacks or rapid breathing
- Pretending not to care
- **Talk to Someone!**

CONGRATULATIONS

Student name

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENT AND PROGRESS
AGAINST TARGETS IN YOUR MOCK EXAMINATIONS YOU
HAVE RECEIVED

A GOLDEN TICKET

YOU ARE NOW ENTITLED TO GO TO PROM FOR FREE.

Golden Tickets!

Three students will receive Golden Tickets in their envelopes at the Big Reveal. This entitles them to free entry to the Prom to recognise their Mock Performance!

NEAs

Non-Examined Assessments (NEAs) are coursework opportunities for students to bank high marks before exam start. Many subjects are currently focused on these and students are strongly advised to give these their absolute best efforts!



