



Year 11 Matters

Monthly Newsletter
September 22

Welcome Back

It has been a pleasure to welcome back the new Year 11 students and I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight a couple of key dates for the diary over the coming months and to ensure you have the important information that we have shared with students through assemblies and the Year 11 Tutor Time programme.

No doubt students will have already fed back some of the key information and some of the changes in school, I hope that this newsletter will fill in any blanks. As always, if there is anything you want to know that has not been covered, you can e-mail me on l.evans@warriner.oxon.sch.uk.

Mr Evans (Head of Year 11)

Control Your Future

'Control Your Future' was my welcome back message to our marvellous Year 11 students. An excellent approach towards their academic studies during this key year will help maximise their potential and control the contents of their GCSE results envelope in August 2023. Excellent results will then give them fabulous opportunities to exciting career pathways. But a successful approach needs to start immediately, by adhering to the following:

- Have an attendance of 97% or more to prevent knowledge gaps appearing.
- Ensure their conduct enhances the learning atmosphere in lessons so that everyone makes progress.
- Be an active learner, who ask questions, shows curiosity, and responds to feedback.
- Complete homework with pride and start revising now. 'Little and Often' is the key to effective and stress-free effective revision.
- Attend after school Study Groups to accelerate the rate of progress.

Mr R Eadon (Deputy Head of School)

Study Groups 3.10pm-4.10pm



Starting next week:

- Monday – Maths
- Tuesday – English
- Thursday - Science

How can Parents help their Child Succeed?

- Please show interest in their work and progress.
- Ask them to explain their learning to you. This is an excellent revision technique to reinforce their knowledge.
- Ensure they have a quiet place to study at home and check they are completing the home learning issued on Go for Schools.
- Help them create and start a revision timetable to save panic cramming later in the year.
- Reward their attendance at after school study groups.
- Let us know if you have any concerns about them or their GCSEs.

Exam Stress

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is becoming too anxious about the challenges of this year. We are here to support.

Enrichment Days – October 22

On October 4th and 5th we have whole school Enrichment Days. Year 11 will be spending one day in school completing revision sessions for core subjects and being supported in developing their study skills in preparation for mocks and summer assessments. The other day will be a trip to London's Southbank to visit the London Dungeon and, hopefully, the London Eye.

Whilst I am currently finalising the details of the days, I wanted to ensure that everyone was aware of the potential for a late afternoon return and that there is a cost involved. Payment details will be sent out shortly and payment can be completed via parent pay.



Prom

We currently have venues on hold and are in conversation with pupils regarding their preferences. At this stage you can mark your diaries with the week commencing June 19th.

New Term High Expectations

Young people may have returned home speaking about a new behaviour policy. I want to reassure you that the policy remains the same, however we have amended a few details with relation to our detention system.

The detention 1-5 system has allowed us to cover all eventualities and helps us to conduct all detentions during the school day. Expectations are high for all students and each term there will be a specific focus; for this term it is uniform and jewellery. If there are any reasonable adjustments that we need to consider for your young person, please communicate these via tutors.

Attendance Ladder



If a student has an attendance below 90%, they are likely to average two grades lower for every subject than those with a high attendance.

Dates for the Diary

4th & 5th Oct - Enrichment Days

12th Oct - Subject Consultation Evening (3.30-7.30pm)

13th Oct – Apprenticeship Fair Lock 29 Castle Quay

17th & 18th Oct – Mock Art Exams

24th – 28th Oct – Half Term

14th – 25th Nov – Autumn Mock Exams

19th Dec – Big Reveal of Autumn Mock Results

We are proud of you! Be the very best you can be!