

Year 11 Parent and Student Bulletin 17.11.23



Updates

This week saw the completion of the Learning Cycle 1 PPEs. The behaviour and attitude from the students have been superb throughout the process. Well done to all of you! We will be carrying out student voice this week looking at ways we can improve the process and support students further during the next cycle of exams.

Year 11 Prefects

We have had a fantastic number of applications for our year 11 prefect team. The students have presented in an articulate and professional manner and completed their interviews to an exceptional standard. Well done to all the students who applied and a massive congratulations to our new Head Boy and Head Girl and the prefect team.

Congratulations

Masterclasses

The masterclass programme will continue to run until the end of term. Please encourage students to attend sessions so they can continue to revise with the experts and close gaps in knowledge.

Tuesday 21st November

Art - PPE Annotation – *What Do You Want the Examiner to Know?*

Hospitality - *Garnish Away* – *Prepare, cook, and serve a range of garnishes in preparation for coursework.*

DT & Engineering - DT – *Core and Specialist Technical Principles*

Wednesday 22nd November

French foundation – *Role play, decoding bullet points/questions*

French Higher - *Role play, decoding bullet points/questions*

Spanish foundation – *Role play, decoding bullet points/questions*

Spanish higher - *Role play, decoding bullet points/questions*

English (open) – *Romeo and Juliet (this session has changed from the original list).*

Thursday 23rd November

History – *Westward expansion: Homestead Act, Railroad*

Assessments

Pre-public exams (PPEs)

Catch up exams will take place on Monday 20th November for students who have been absent.

Art PPE 20th & 21st November

Pearson BTEC Assessments (PSAs)

Students studying BTEC courses are currently working on their assessed Component 2. This assignment will go towards their final BTEC grade; therefore, it is imperative all students are in school every day.

Useful websites

Exams can cause stress and anxiety, not just on the day of the exam but also in the lead up to them and when collecting the results. Below are the links to some useful websites that have strategies to help young people cope with managing stress.

[Information for 11–18-year-olds – Exam stress - Mind](#)

[APPS | CAMHS Resources \(camhs-resources.co.uk\)](#)

Dates for the diary

Student's 1-2-1 Careers Adviser appointments will begin again after the Examinations from 23rd November. Students will have the opportunity to discuss their next steps and action plan in a 1-2-1 appointment with a Level 6 qualified Careers Adviser.

Thursday 30th November 5-7pm – Polfair Careers Fair, an essential event for all Year 11 and parents.

On Wednesday 6th December we will have representatives from colleges and external providers in school supporting students with college and apprenticeship applications, and answering any questions they may have about post 16 study.

More details to be emailed soon!