



Year 11 Parent Bulletin 19.2.24



Dates for your diary

CELT Cup

Following the disappointing weather that led to this event being cancelled for the second time, this event will now take place in March. More details to follow!

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 8th – 22nd March – Science Week events

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

Masterclasses

Attendance at Masterclasses has been a fantastic 70% over the first few weeks of this term. Well done to all our students who have taken advantage of these sessions. The timetable is shown below; however, your child will have received their own personalised letter informing them of the sessions to attend. If you have any questions regarding Masterclasses please contact Miss Westley, Assistant Headteacher

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Day	Subjects
Tuesday	English Art Computer Science Geography History Hospitality Independent revision session - English
Wednesday	Science French Independent revision session - Maths
Thursday	Maths Further Maths History Spanish French Art Independent revision session - Science

Revision ready

With the summer exams now fast approaching, students are being guided on how to revise effectively and supported with subject specific resources to help them prepare. Students compete independent revision every Monday during their tutor time and are also shown a short presentation on how to use the SORT strategies. These presentations are then emailed to students to use at home. An overview of the sessions this half term is shown below.

Date	Focus	
19.2.24	Cornell note taking – the best way to use this strategy.	Examine your current note taking system. Explore different note taking strategies (including the Cornell Notes system). Assess which strategies work best for you in different situations.
26.2.24	Revision – where do I begin?	What does an effective 60- minute revision session look like?
4.3.24	Time management	How do I manage time in exams?
11.3.24	Feedback from PPEs and assessments – what next?	How can I use feedback to guide improvement and progress?
18.3.24	Concept mapping revisited.	What is a concept map and what are the benefits of using one?
25.3.24	Testing - Using past paper questions to apply knowledge.	How much time should I allocate? Interpreting mark schemes RAG to inform next steps. Asking for support

GCSE Exam timetable

Date	Time	Subject
15 th April – 19 th April	All Day	Art practical
22 nd April or 24 th April	All Day	Performing Arts practical
7 th May	AM	Health & Social Care
9 th May	AM	Sport
10 th May	AM	Biology Paper 1
13 th May	AM	English Literature Paper 1
14 th May	AM	French Paper 1 & 3
15 th May	AM	History Paper 1
	PM	Computer Science Paper 1
16 th May	AM	Maths Paper 1
17 th May	AM	Chemistry Paper 1
	PM	Geography Paper 1
20 th May	AM	English Literature Paper 2
21 st May	PM	Computer Science Paper 2
	PM	Engineering
22 nd May	AM	Physics Paper 1
23 rd May	AM	English Language Paper 1
24 th May	AM	French Paper 4
3 rd June	AM	Maths Paper 2
4 th June	AM	Spanish Paper 1 & 3
	PM	History Paper 2
5 th June	AM	Geography Paper 2
6 th June	AM	English Language Paper 2
7 th June	PM	Biology Paper 2
10 th June	AM	Maths Paper 3
	PM	Spanish Paper 4
11 th June	AM	Chemistry Paper 2
	PM	History Paper 3
14 th June	AM	Geography Paper 3
	PM	Physics Paper 2
18 th June	AM	Design Technology
19 th June	AM	Hospitality

Preparing for the final exams

On Monday 19th February all students will be issued their final Learning Cycle Knowledge booklets.

In this booklet, there will be a daily timetable to help students get organised and schedule their Home Learning and revision each week. There will also be a summary of the SORT strategy that all students should be using when revising. For more details, please go to the webpage [Poltair School - SORT](#)

Managing Exam Stress

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 \(camhs-resources.co.uk\)](#)