

Year 11 Update

September 2019

Dear Parent

This is an important term for Year 11 pupils as they prepare for the next phase of their education.

Year 11 pupils will sit their **mock examinations** during November (the timetable will be available on Moodle shortly) and the results will be used to inform their predicted GCSE grades. These predicted grades will be used by colleges and training providers to help inform their conditional offers for the following September. Therefore, I would strongly advise that preparation for the mock examinations by pupils starts immediately and parents encourage and support this as much as possible.

Following the **Parents' Information Evening** on the 3rd October, and the Careers Fair pupils will be attending on the 16th October, I would strongly advise parents and pupils to visit **college open evenings** this term. This will enable pupils to seek specific advice on the courses available for Years 12 and 13. A number of colleges will also be coming to speak to pupils about the courses they offer during the Autumn Term.

This term the **post-16 application process** begins with some colleges and sixth forms closing the application process early in December. Interviews normally take place in the Spring Term. Some are held in school but most are held at the colleges. Either way, receiving an offer of a place for September 2020 comes as a sense of relief and motivation for many young people. I would therefore encourage pupils to make their applications as soon as decisions have been made regarding the next step. Pupils are not obliged to commit to a specific course until September 2020 and therefore they can keep their options open and apply to more than one college or sixth form at this stage.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can make the most of this very important year.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the Heads of House