



# Year 11 Newsletter

September 2011



Dear Parents & Students

Welcome back to the most important year in your son's/daughter's school career so far. This will be a busy and at times stressful year for the students and they will need support not only at school but also at home. Please be aware of some of the key dates (see below) as the mock exams are only weeks away and preparation should begin now to cover all that has been learnt during Year 10 as well as this term. Some dates have yet to be confirmed but approximate timings have been provided.

We had a successful summer term with a fantastic performance by a small group of students who put on a production of 'The Woman in Black'. This was organised completely by the students and their professionalism and acting capabilities were tremendous. We also had success with the girls' Rounders team and great efforts were shown on Sports Day and at the Summer Fayre. In addition, we also had a very good set of summer reports, showing much improvement in all aspects of the reporting system with promising attainment grades being achieved.

The first few weeks of this term have been very encouraging with most if not all students committed to working and achieving their best in all subject areas. Uniform has been greatly improved so thank you for your efforts in ensuring that your son/daughter has returned with the correct items.

Please note that the first reports are due to you on October 5<sup>th</sup> followed by the final Parents' Evening on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> November and a letter will follow later in the term.

One of the key complaints from students as the mock exams draw near is that they do not know how to revise. Much has been done in school already and the Year 11 'Preparing for Revision' booklet will be issued later in the term, but in the meantime please encourage your son/daughter to make revision notes and construct a revision plan. Students often think that reading over work is enough, but unfortunately for many this will not be the case and revision should therefore entail re-writing points and testing themselves on the work.

I look forward to seeing all students reach their potential and succeed in this crucial year.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs C Pearman**  
**Director of Studies, Year 11**

## Dates for your Diary

September 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 26<sup>th</sup>: Chemistry controlled assessment</li> </ul>
October 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>: Reports distributed to students</li> <li>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Parents' Evening</li> <li>Classical Civilisation coursework to be completed</li> <li>Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup>: Work Experience</li> </ul>
November 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>: Sixth Form Open Evening</li> <li>Commencing from Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>: MFL speaking exams</li> </ul>
December 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>: Art Mock exam commences</li> <li>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> for two weeks: Year 11 Mock exams</li> </ul>
January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>: Physics Controlled Assessment</li> <li>Monday 30<sup>th</sup>: Reports distributed to students inclusive of mock exam grades.</li> <li><b>Business Studies GCSE Exam</b></li> <li><b>ICT GCSE Exam</b></li> <li>Jan – March Business Studies Controlled Assessment, but could possibly be moved to an earlier time in the autumn term.</li> </ul>
February 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring: English coursework needs to be completed.</li> </ul>
March 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>: PE Controlled Practical Assessment</li> <li>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> MFL2 Speaking Exams</li> <li>Chinese Controlled Assessment</li> <li>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>: PE Controlled Practical Exam (TBC)</li> <li>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>: Drama Rehearsals &amp; Exam (all day &amp; after school)</li> </ul>
April 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup>: MFL1 Speaking Exams</li> <li>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>: Art Exam</li> <li>ADT coursework to be completed</li> <li>ICT coursework to be completed</li> </ul>
May – June 2012	<b>FINAL GCSE EXAM PERIOD</b>