

# October 2023 Year 11 Parent Newsletter



Year 11 have had a positive start to their exam year, with focused learning in class, intervention sessions up and running, external motivational speakers and trips including Geography and Duke Of Edinburgh!



***Our Geographers on their Paper 3 field trip.***

Our first round of mock exams begins on **Monday 6th November** and these will be on our EBACC subjects: Maths, English, Science and Modern Foreign Languages ( Spanish, French and German.) We then have our second round of mocks in all subjects, starting on **Monday 4th December**. Your child will shortly receive their bespoke exams timetable. In tutor time, your child will create a **revision timetable** and discuss the best revision techniques. Please ensure these are used by your child over the half-term.

## **Studio 11 and intervention:**

Our Studio 11 provision has been launched and our study routines are embedded. This is a group of 40 students, who have been specially selected to engage in lecture style revision sessions with the Deputy Heads of Maths and English to support students achieving grades 5 in their GCSEs. Studio 11 runs Monday- Thursday 3- 4:15pm. If you feel that this is something that will support your child, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Henderson-Barnes on the contact details below.

In addition to the above, Media, Geography and Psychology have also begun their subject specific intervention sessions on a Wednesday afterschool,

where students are dedicating extra time to secure their successes!



***Studio 11 with Ms Altman Deputy Head of English.***

## **Exam season:**

To help support your child over the exam season, here are a few top tips.

- **Encourage** your child to stick to their revision timetable - display it somewhere visible.
- **Help** your child find a space to revise and are able to spread out their resources.
- **Help** your child make healthy food choices to fuel their body and stick to healthy sleep habits.
- **Talk to your child about their exams:** Where are they confident? Where can they find information if they aren't confident?
- **Help** motivate your child by reminding them of the importance of exams and how they can prepare them for their post 16 study.

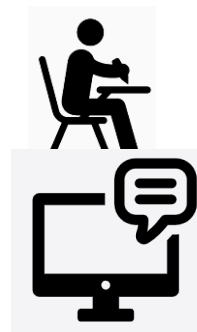
## **What online platforms are useful for revision?**

**Here are a few we recommend.**

- All subject: GCSE pod (<https://www.gcsepod.com/>) - a resource free to GHS students.
- Many subjects:

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/> or Seneca Learning.

- Science: Educake ([www.educake.co.uk](http://www.educake.co.uk)) - a resource free to GHS students.
- Maths: Mathswatch (<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>), MathsGenie



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- English: YouTube - Mr Bruff videos, Seneca Learning

### **What can students create?**

- Posters with key information for each topic
- Flashcards for keywords/quotations
- Knowledge organisers



**On Thursday 21st September,** we had local group **TeamUp side** in to talk to our Year 11 students. Their assembly was on '11 things they wish they'd known

in Year 11.' Here are the 11 key principles and we encourage you to discuss these with your child:



1. **High School is just one chapter of your life**
2. **Good Company**
3. **Know your WHY**
4. **Constancy > Consistency**
5. **Plan your week and day in advance**
6. **Discipline your social media usage**
7. **ARM yourself against procrastination**
8. **The exam hall is a lonely arena**
9. **Don't compare**
10. **Networking**
11. **Build skills and mindset**

**Year 11 specific: Ms John, Mr Parry, Ms Anyamah and Mr Deola**

The year 11s have made a positive start to the academic year and this is evident from the weekly shouts the year team have been receiving from their teachers. Please support us by having those key conversations with your child regarding attendance, punctuality and homework as these are key areas of improvement.

### **Sixth form enrolment-**

On Tuesday 10th October, Year 11 were involved in a Post-16 subject fair, to give them an insight into the courses available at Greenford. They will be applying with the support of their form tutors after half term. Please start having conversations with them about their future plans and look at the website for what is on offer.



***Mr Newall giving Year 13 some last minute advice before their Biology PPE in September.***

### **Attendance matters**

**Please make sure that your child attends everyday - especially if they have an exam:**

- Check your child's attendance on the Satchel One app.
- A 90% attendance rate means that across the year, they are having 1 day off a fortnight!
- The target is 95%, support your child to attend school everyday!

We want these exams to be the most successful yet.  
If you have any questions or concerns please contact  
me via email.

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