



Chace Community School

Year 11 Newsletter

Autumn 2018



I am so proud of the committed and focused start to the year that has been displayed by Year 11. At the end of the summer term, I challenged them to raise the standard in terms of conduct, uniform and engagement and they have taken this challenge seriously.

There was a mixed response to the Year 10 exam results in our assembly in July – tears shed for joy and some disappointment. I was most encouraged by those students who commented that they could do better and would do better, showing a growth mindset. My message to all was clear – don't stop until you are proud. I hope that all have now had a chance to examine their exams and to learn from them. It is a useless exercise if students don't analyse where they did well and not so well.

There is a chance to build on this in the December Pre Public Exams where students' will have the further opportunity to be examined in the hall prior to the final exams. I know that our Year 11 students will take these exams as seriously and show the same commitment as they did in the summer.

Mrs Roper

Introducing the Prefects

A dedicated group of Year 11 students have successfully applied to be prefects, working as ambassadors to younger students in various roles. There was excellent feedback from staff and parents following the Year 7 induction day and the summer fayre. Some showed an impressive flair for karaoke and others had an excellent aim with the water balloons, but all have shown pride in their school and community and set a high standard for younger students. Some of the prefects also accompanied the new Year 7 students to Tolmers' and were again thanked for their commitment and enthusiasm. Thank you to Ms Ferracane for leading them at Tolmers. Thanks for their patience in waiting for their badges – they are coming, I promise!



Key dates

There are a number of key dates throughout this term and Year 11. This is NOT an exhaustive list but should give a good idea of what is coming up.

11 October	Y11 Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening—the first of two this year to ensure that students have the best possible start to Year 11
19-23 October	Paris trip
8 November	Post 16 Open Evening at Chace Community
w/b 26 November	MFL speaking exams and Art exam
w/b 3 December	Year 11 Pre Public Exams
18 December	Prefects' dinner
21 December	End of term and bowling trip for those with 50 positive points aggregate and 97%+ attendance
Future dates	
31 January	PPE Results assembly & Y11 Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening—the second PCE to ensure that students are fully prepared for the final exams
4 April (tbc)	Easter Fayre for those with 50 positive points aggregate and 97%+ attendance
15-19 April	Madrid Trip
Easter holidays	Revision sessions in school – dates tbc
May	Exams begin – exam boards still finalising schedules, but check their websites
?	Leaver's assembly to be confirmed when the exams schedule is finalised
2 July	Prom – TBC but venue not confirmed.
22 August	GCSE results day

Rethinking Revision

I am so pleased that our consistent message about revision is having a good response from students. Revision should be done consistently throughout the course – little and often is proven to be much more effective than last minute cramming. Many clubs and question clinics have already begun in school and are being well attended. This should be a supplement to revision at home. The countdown to PPEs has begun at school, and we continue to give weekly tips for structuring revision. We will continue to advise on how best to learn – the learning scientist website explains proven methods to revise and re-cap:

<http://www.learningscientists.org/>

The revision club timetable is included below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07.30-08.30			BTEC Sport (AH1)			
Lunch		History (B15)	Sociology (B17) RE (C11) Food	French Higher (A17) Geography (B16)	History (Exam Questions)	
15.15-16.15	Science (C19) Textiles (C27) Graphics (A32)		Maths Practice Papers (A26) Food (C24)	English (B33) Art (CN1,2,3) Sociology drop in (B17)	Drama (B22) Spanish Higher (A14) French Foundation (A12)	
16.15-17.15	Graphics (A32)		RE drop in (C11)	Spanish Foundation (A11) Art (CN1,2,3)		



Humanities Revision Passport: A message from Mr Faik, Head of Humanities

Research shows that the more revision that students do independently, the more likely they are to succeed. The Revision Passport divides up a period of several weeks into 6 half hour sections. Each time a student completes a half hour of revision work for Humanities subjects (History, Sociology, Geography and RE), they fill in what they have done and show it to an adult (parent, teacher, form tutor), and get that section of their passport signed off. Once the student has got all the sections of their Passport signed off, they will be invited to a special celebration at the end of term. Please watch out for these when students are revising at home.

A Message from the English Faculty

It was brilliant to see so many Year 11 students at the first after school GCSE English revision session. These sessions will run every Thursday from 3:15pm - 4:15pm, and all students are welcome, so if you are available please join us. We are currently revising Shakespeare's Macbeth.



We do recognise that our students are working hard and they also need to look after themselves. We are putting together a programme on Fridays after school that focus on socialising and wellbeing to encourage self-care and relaxation – more details to follow.

Attendance – a polite reminder

There is a clear link between good school attendance and progress. Please support your child to attend whenever possible. They should also independently catch up if they do have to miss any lessons as we don't know what will come up in the final exam, and students can't write that they were absent that day, no matter how valid their reason for absence is!

Below is a poster that was shared with Year 11 at the start of the year – it contains some excellent advice for staying motivated and on track:

STAY MOTIVATED
Check out our top tips for staying motivated for the new academic year!

1 CREATE A STUDY ROUTINE
By nature, we're creatures of habit. If you find it difficult to motivate yourself to study, the tip may be beneficial to you.

2 SET ATTAINABLE GOALS
Whether you set yourself a time goal or an amount of work to complete, it is important to challenge yourself.

3 STUDY IN SHORT BURSTS
You are more likely to retain information from short bursts of learning as your attention will be increased.

4 REVIEW YOUR MARKS
Reviewing homework and test marks helps you understand where you have gone wrong and avoid making similar mistakes in the future. It's also an essential motivating factor to see how much you have improved.

5 MAKE A 'BORING' SUBJECT INTERESTING
It's very unlikely that you're going to enjoy all subjects, so for those you find the least interesting, try learning the subject in a different way to encourage enthusiasm.

6 EXERCISE
Exercise is a great way to motivate yourself, impacting attitude, cognitive skills and classroom behaviour.

7 DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO OTHERS
Don't try to compare yourself with others and try to focus on your own results and how you can improve them.

8 FOCUS ON PROGRESS
Focusing on progress rather than the result will help encourage motivation. If you get this process right, the results will follow.

9 REWARD YOURSELF
Every time you complete one or two chunks of work, reward yourself with a short period of relaxation. The incentive of short and enjoyable breaks is a key part of the "chunking down" technique.

10 INSPIRE YOURSELF
Post reminders and inspirational quotes in prominent places about what you want to achieve.

11 GET ENOUGH SLEEP
Make sure you get enough sleep, ideally 7-9 hours every night. This will help to encourage a relaxed and well-rested mind and body.

12 THINK AHEAD
Do you have a particular career in mind? Keep reminding yourself that if you work hard now it will help you achieve your ambition.



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- ✓ Outstanding teaching and learning
- ✓ Excellent care and support
- ✓ Fantastic results and career/university prospects
- ✓ Sixth Formers love being here
- ✓ Ofsted think we are great

What can I do now?

- ✓ Speak to Sixth Formers any time
- ✓ See the Post 16 team at parents' evening on 11th October
- ✓ Speak to subject teachers about subjects you may be interested in
- ✓ Put Post 16 Open Evening 8th November in your diary now