

30th August 2022

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students

Re: Year 11 – Start of Year Information

I hope you and your families have had a good summer break and your child is refreshed and ready to go as they start their most important school year to date.

I am writing to share a number of key dates and information with you. I feel it is really important that we work closely together this year in order to ensure your child is well supported and prepared for the year ahead for their forthcoming GCSE examinations.

Year 11 Launch Information Evening

We will be holding a Year 11 Launch Information Evening for both parents, carers and students on **Thursday 15th September 2022**. This evening will provide key information for the year ahead as students complete the final year of their GCSE qualifications.

The times for the sessions will be based on the band your child is in as follows:

- 4.30pm – Z and Y Band
- 6pm – G and V Band

I will write to you with additional information and details for this evening next week.

Year 10 and 11 Core Team

I would like to introduce you to the core team who will be working with me to support your child during Year 11. Please find staff team and their email contact information below:

- Mr Martin May – Deputy Head of Year 10 and 11 – Student Development
 - Email: martinmay@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
- Ms Kayley Smith – Deputy Head of Year 10 and 11 – Student Progress
 - Email: kayleysmith@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
- Miss Angela Cole – Year 11 Pastoral Manager
 - Email: angelacole@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Personal Tutors

Your child will be allocated a Year 11 Personal Tutor when they return to the Academy next week. Year 11 Personal Tutors are part of a specialist team who have had additional training to support your child in Year 11, they will be working closely with the core team throughout the year. Your child will have a 30-minute session on their timetable with their Personal Tutor daily and this member of staff will therefore be their and your first point of contact for any questions or support.

Year 11 Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

This year there will be two parent/carer virtual consultation evenings, for you to discuss your child's progress with their teachers in each of their subject courses. These evenings will take place on **Thursday 1st December 2022** and **Thursday 16th March 2023** and will run from 4.00pm to 7.00pm using the SchoolCloud system. Students should also attend these virtual evenings with you.

After School and Holiday Revision Sessions

During the course of this year, there will be a wide range of additional subject sessions available to support your child in their subjects outside of their timetabled lesson time. Additionally, there will be a reward system in place to recognise and reward students for attending and engaging in these additional learning and study opportunities. Mr May will be sharing further information on these opportunities over the coming weeks. There will also be a number of additional holiday subject sessions taking place during the October half term, February half term, Easter holiday and May half term breaks. Mr May will write to you before each break, with full details of the programme with subject sessions available during that holiday period.

Study Skill Sessions and Tutoring

During the course of this year, all Year 11 students will take part in a number of study skills workshops. These workshops are designed to boost revision skills, provide additional support and guidance to aid successful studying, whilst also developing students' ownership of learning.

The details of these workshop sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday 20th September – Super Speedy Study Skills Workshop
- Wednesday 12th October – Exams Busters Workshop
- Thursday 8th December – Mind Mapping Workshop

Tutoring in English and Maths will take place during the year with specific students in order to provide students with additional bespoke support, which has been identified and requested by their subject teachers. Students will be notified directly of these sessions by Ms Smith and the Tutoring Team.

Year 11 Parent/Carer Revision Support Evening

We will be holding a Revision Support Evening for parents/carers on **Wednesday 12th October 2022**. This evening will be provided by 'Positively You', an external company who will be working with your child during the study and revision skill workshops during Terms 1 and 2.

We recognise that it can be challenging to know how to best support your child during the course of this year with their GCSE and BTEC courses and examinations. In order to support you, this session will give you an outline of the revision and study skills students will be learning this year along with some top tips for how to best support your child at home during this year.



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Behaviour and Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance for exceptionally high standards of both behaviour and attendance in Year 11. The majority of students meet the standards of behaviour expected as part of the Academy's Code of Conduct. However, should a student fail to meet these expectations, this will be challenged and followed up to ensure the learning of other students is not affected. Additionally, excellent levels of attendance and punctuality to school and lessons are key factors in ensuring your child is able to maximise their learning and progress. I would be grateful if you would reinforce this and support your child in order to ensure they are attending the Academy on time to really make the most of all of their learning time during Year 11.

GCSE Exam and Mock Exam Dates

Mock exams are planned in order to prepare students for the upcoming public GCSE exams to ensure that you, your child and their teachers are aware of their strengths and areas for improvement. The exams office will publish individual timetables for all Mock and GCSE public examinations. Please find Mock and GCSE public examination dates below:

- Mock exam window 1 – Monday 14th to Friday 18th November
- Mock exam window 2 – Monday 6th to Friday 24th February
- GCSE public exam window – Dates and details will be shared once they have been finalised

Year 10 & 11 Instagram Account

Year 10 & 11 have a dedicated Instagram account which regularly shares all information, updates and key dates throughout the year. Student and activity photos and posts are also shared to celebrate successful achievements and events across both year groups. To follow our account please search: [year11_year10bromptonacademy](#) on Instagram. We encourage all parent/carers and students to follow this account to keep updated throughout the course of the year.

Student Independent Learning and Ownership

A key focus in assemblies and Personal Tutor sessions over the coming terms will be on building student independence and ownership of their learning as it is proven this is a key factor which leads to successful outcomes. As part of this, I would be grateful if you would share all information in this letter with your child, so they are well informed to take the lead with their own learning over the year ahead.

I hope you find the above information useful for the coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the staff team or myself via email if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further. My email address is: dangreenwood@universityofkentacademiustrust.org.uk

I look forward to working with you and your child over the course of the year ahead.

Yours faithfully



Dan Greenwood

Assistant Principal – Head of Year 10 and 11

