

25 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Preparation for Success Presentation, Kings' Sixth Invite, Mentoring, Futures Meetings, PPEs, Kings' Sixth Taster Day, Parents' Evening

The information below is for current Year 11 students, their parents and carers, regarding upcoming events and opportunities to prepare, inform and support students in this important school year.

Year 11 Preparation for Success Presentation – Wednesday 18 October 2023 - Talks at 5.30pm and 6.45pm

The purpose of the Preparation for Success evening is to provide advice on how you can best support your child with their revision in the run up to the Pre-Public Exams (mocks) in November 2023 and the Public Exams in May and June 2024. Preparation for Success talks will be at 5.30pm and 6.45pm. This is the same evening as Kings' Sixth Open Evening and this talk is focused on Year 11.

The evening will take the format of talks focusing on revision techniques and resources. Alongside general advice there will be some subject specific revision information from core subjects, English, Maths and Science. We will also cover techniques for managing time and how students can look after their wellbeing during an intense period. At the end of the presentation there will be the opportunity to ask questions.

Kings' Sixth Open Evening – Wednesday 18 October 2023 5.30pm – 7.30pm - Headteacher's talk at 6.00pm

Kings' Sixth Open Evening will take place on the same evening as Year 11 Preparation for Success Evening with a talk from the Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form in the Hall at 6.00pm. Subject staff will be available to explain course content, skills and assessment, alongside providing the opportunity to ask both current students and teachers questions. You will also be able to visit the Sixth Form Centre and find out about the additional opportunities at Kings' Sixth as well as the support all students receive.

Year 11 Mentoring and Revision Sessions Autumn Term

All students have an assigned Academic Mentor who they will meet with a minimum of three times this academic year. The meetings will focus on their progress to date and areas to target for further improvement. Mentors can help with revision timetables, revision techniques and strategies for wellbeing.

Year 11 students will also be offered subject revision sessions at both lunchtime and after school from 9 October 2023. All the sessions are being offered to support students in their preparations for the upcoming assessments and their completion of practical components. Several subjects will use the sessions to focus on different components or skills and, therefore, a student may be invited to only some sessions where a need has been identified. Once requested, these sessions will be entered onto the School Cloud System where parents can view them together with the times. Parents are requested to support these sessions by making sure students can get to and from school at the appropriate time.

Year 11 Futures Meetings and Careers Fair

All Year 11 students will be offered the opportunity to meet with a senior member of staff, or have already met, to discuss their current thinking on their next steps and signpost events to find out further information. Kings' Careers Fair will be held on 18 October 2023 and all students will be given the opportunity to attend during the school day. Over 40



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employers and providers from the local area will be present. It is a great opportunity to ask questions and find out about apprenticeships, employment and training courses.

Year 11 PPEs – Monday 6 November 2023 to Friday 17 November 2023

PPEs are internal examinations set by subject teachers and the results do not count towards the final grading of qualifications. These exams use exam board assessment materials and mark-schemes and give students a very authentic experience of sitting examinations which will be excellent preparation for the public examinations. These exams also give students and their teachers valuable information about their current level of performance, their strengths and those areas which they still need to develop in order to achieve their full potential. Furthermore, in some subject areas, the results from these PPEs will be used to help confirm students' tiers of entry for the Summer examinations. If students spend time systematically revising and putting in their best effort these exams will be a fantastic opportunity to build confidence and momentum towards success at the end of Year 11. Student timetables and the content covered will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Year 11 Taster Day – Wednesday 22 November 2023

Sixth Form Taster Day is on Wednesday 22 November 2023 for students who have applied for Kings' Sixth with entry in September 2024.

The day will enable students to take part in a variety of taster lessons in the subjects they have chosen and experience Kings' Sixth. They are invited to attend school without the need to wear uniform, and enjoy Kings' Sixth privileges at break, lunch and during a study period (on site). All students have been issued with a Kings' Sixth prospectus and will be given an opportunity to complete an online application form. Again, further details will be sent out at a later date. Students who have not applied to the Sixth Form will have work provided by staff. They must come into school in uniform and will be based together.

Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 7 December 2023 - 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Parents' evening will be held in the Academy on Thursday 7 December 2023. We look forward to welcoming you. Further details on how to make appointments and attending will follow in due course.

If you have any questions, please contact your student's tutor or the office in the first instance. If the question is regarding mentoring please send to the Learning Mentors.

Yours sincerely

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