



Monthly Parent Update Sheet March 2016/April 2016

Year 11 Photography & Art GCSE Exams

Can all parents of pupils studying for the Photography and Art GCSE exams be aware that these exams are a lot sooner than the others. The Art exam is on the 21 & 22 March 2016 and the Photography exam is on the 11 & 12 April 2016. The pupils have now started their set task which is the preparatory work for their exam. It is vital that all pupils are working through their strategy packs and attending after school sessions on a Tuesday or Wednesday in order to achieve the best possible results. All pupils will need to bring all preparatory work to school for the first day of the exam and when the exam finishes there will be no opportunity to add to the body of work. It is vital that all pupils are fully prepared.

Science Update

All Year 10 and 11 pupils will be working on their GCSE Controlled Assessments this half term which is 25% of their final GCSE Science grade. It is essential that pupils catch up on any work missed and achieve their target grade or above in their Controlled Assessments.

Pupils will also be involved in Mock exams, W/C 11th April where they will be assessed on all course content they have studied throughout the year. Please ensure pupils have purchased the GCSE revision guides, £3.00 and GCSE Workbook, £2.50 to aid their revision at home as well as working on past exam papers.

Please encourage your child to attend after school revision sessions, which take place on the following days:

- Monday (Week 1) 3.00pm - 4.30pm (Targeted by class teacher)
- Tuesday - Additional Science 3.00pm - 4.30pm
- Thursday - Core Science 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Lost Property

We have various items handed into lost property on a daily basis that nobody claims, this includes coats, shoes, jumpers, PE kits etc. If they are named, we can ensure the lost item is sent straight back to the pupil. We would therefore ask you to please ensure that all of your child's belongings are named.

After School Activities

As you know, there are lots of After School Activities taking place on a daily basis. Could we please ask that you speak to your child regularly about exactly what activities they are involved in. We are currently getting calls from worried parents not knowing if their child is involved in an After School Activity or if they have just not returned home.

Year 9 & 10 Pizza Reward Evening - Thursday 3 March 2016

We look forward to hosting our Effort Reward evenings in March, where the top effort pupils in each house will be invited to join us for pizza and a film. This will be shown in the Dormston Theatre and gives pupils an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and receive a well-deserved reward. Year 9 & 10 Pizza Reward Evening will take place on Thursday 3 March 2016.

Year 7 & 8 Pizza Reward Evening - Tuesday 8 March 2016 *REVISED DATE

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Year 9 Options Evening - Wednesday 9 March 2016

There will be a Year 9 Options Evening on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 7.00pm. Options Evening will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the courses being offered in Key Stage 4, both the compulsory subjects and the ones in the 'option blocks'. Staff from each course will be available to speak to you about the requirements of the course. This information will be really important in helping your son/daughter make their final decision on their 'options form'.

Severn House Charity Day - Friday 18 March 2016

Severn House Charity Day will take place on Friday 18 March 2016. All proceeds raised will go to Birmingham Children's Hospital. All pupils are invited to pay £1.00 and come to school wearing mufti. There will also be lots of stalls selling food, a raffle for a Pandora Charm, Guess the Weight of the Easter Egg and lots of other fun activities to get involved with.

Year 11 Art Exhibition – Wednesday 18 May 2016

The Art department will once again be holding an exhibition to showcase the outstanding work produced in school by our Year 11 pupils. This will allow parents and carers to see the outcome of all of the pupils' hard work. The exhibition will be on the 18th of May 2016 and all pupils will need to attend. More details and invites to follow. Good luck Year 11!

Year 9 Parents' Consultation - Wednesday 23 March 2016 *REVISED DATE

We will be holding a Year 9 Parents' Consultation Meeting on Wednesday 23 March 2016. Please ensure your child makes appointments with all of their subject teachers so that we can update you on their progress.

Easter Holidays - Friday 25 March 2016 to Friday 8 April 2016

We will be breaking up for the Easter Holidays on Thursday 24 March 2016 at 3.00pm. Pupils should return to school on Monday 11 April 2016 and will be returning to a Week 1 Timetable.

Year 11 Easter Holiday RE Revision Sessions

Whole Year 11 cohort RE Revision will take place in the Theatre on the following dates which all pupils must attend:

- Religion & Life Issues - Tuesday 5 April 2016 at 10.00am to 1.00pm (refreshments provided);
- Philosophy and the Ultimate Question - Wednesday 6 April 2016 at 10.00am to 3.00pm (lunch provided).

Tie Reward Evening - Wednesday 27 April 2016

We will be holding a Tie Reward Evening on Wednesday 27 April 2016. Letters will be sent out in due course to pupils who have qualified for their next tie.

Bank Holiday - Monday 2 May 2016

Please note that the school will be closed on Monday 2 May 2016 as this is Bank Holiday. Pupils should return to school on Tuesday 3 May 2016.