

Year 11 Parent Notes

During tutor time this week Year 11 students had the opportunity to meet some Sixth Form students to listen to their very honest and inspirational story of their own Year 11 experience in the run up to the winter and summer exams.

There were five Year 12 students with completely different experiences and five different ways of planning and organising their time before the exams, but they all had one simple message to give to Year 11 students: try your hardest, work to the best of your abilities and you will achieve what you really wanted!

Mr Bennett, Head of Sixth Form, was also there, extremely proud of the achievements of all current Year 12 students and he offered all the help and support that the whole of the Sixth Form team is able to provide: Year 11 students are very welcome to seek advice and information or use the facilities for revision or just informal chat. The discussions about planning and organising revision have continued in the tutor rooms this week.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those Year 11 students who helped out with Open Evening on Thursday. We really do rely on the students sharing their best experiences of life at Oxted School and we hope that they feel they have helped positively contribute to this evening. We are hugely appreciative of the fact that they have given up their own time to do this.

Recommended Applications for Revision

I have had some marvellous recommendations from your son/daughter with regards to downloadable apps that can be used on Smart phones.

Gojimo allows students to enter their GCSE subjects and exam boards, then complete questions based on that specification - www.gojimo.com/

Memrise is a languages app that comes highly recommended by our MFL department - www.memrise.com/app/

Scholastic GCSE 9-1 Revision App uses your child's subjects to organise a calendar of events to help plan revision time - shop.scholastic.co.uk/gcse-app

Careers/Future Plans Meetings

We are focussing on offering support to Year 11 students this term and into the spring term in the form of one to one meetings with a careers adviser to help with next step and longer term career decisions.

The meetings are an opportunity to:

- Talk through how things are going at the moment and get ideas to help with any issues
- Consider post year 11 options in terms of choosing between sixth form, A-levels, BTEC, Vocational colleges or apprenticeships
- Discuss longer term ideas and plans – Universities, careers, skills etc

Each meeting is followed up with a detailed action plan which is reviewed with the students tutor and sent home.

Our careers adviser, Mrs Seager, also encourages students to refer back to her for extra support or with questions or the need for more information. She is available for drop in sessions every Wednesday and Thursday lunch time at the moment.

If you are keen for your child to attend one of these meetings or have any queries please email Sarah to let her know so that she can book a time. sseager@oxtedschool.co.uk



Medical Career Information

Around 800 healthcare professionals from across the UK will be volunteering to present and network with students who are interested in:

- Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine
- Nursing & Midwifery
- Dentistry
- Pharmacy
- Biomedical Sciences
- Psychology

This will take place at the National Healthcare Weekend on Saturday 18 November and Sunday 19 November in London, Cardiff, Birmingham, Nottingham and Lancaster: Over 30 conferences on different specialties on the same day!

Please note that these events are likely to fill up quickly!

Registration is £25 for students on the Saturday conferences and there is an optional UCAS lecture available on Sunday for each specialty.

Students can register on the Medic Mentor website and find out more about the events here. <http://medicmentor.co.uk/about/events-2/>

All proceeds from the weekend will be used to support our UK's healthcare students with scholarships, elective bursaries, free training and educational initiatives.

Period 6

The following faculties are offering period 6 this half term:

Day	Subject	Room
Monday	Business Studies	Hut M
Tuesday	Creative Arts	Eden Hall, A7, MU3
Wednesday	Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)	F16
Thursday	English	H1

Your child **may** be invited to spend the time with a teacher during this period or may be encouraged to use the spaces provided in faculties to complete independent work.

Your child's teacher or Faculty Leader may be in touch to ensure your child's attendance to period 6.

Independent Study Areas:

Silent Study: Library
Quiet Study: Meridian Dining Hall (Canteen)
English Independent Study: H2
Maths Independent Study: Eden IT
Art Independent Study: A5 and A7

Students are welcome to use any of the above areas after school.

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