

Year 11 Parent Notes

It has been over a week now of teaching and it is a pleasure to observe the maturity which most of our Year 11 students are demonstrating in lessons and in their independent learning time after school.

We are delighted to have our Prefects who are doing an amazing job visiting some of the KS3 tutor groups and acting as mentors to many younger students. I really enjoy my walks during tutor time and the conversations I have with the Year 11 students. I am very proud to say that 'readiness to learn' and 'courage for the challenges ahead' are shown by the majority of our students.

This week's tutor activities have focused on reflection of last year's progress. The theme for this year is 'building resilience'. It would be brilliant if you could support what we are doing at school by having conversations with your child about what it means to be resilient in life and how they can achieve this, both in school and out of school.

Few students have a planner this year. As such **all homework will be posted on FROG**, our school Virtual Learning Environment. Achievement points are being awarded to students meeting and exceeding expectations. You will know if your child is not keeping up with home work through the conversations that you have with them and through their behaviour point log on their FROG page.

We pride ourselves on the huge range of enrichment activities that are available for the students to participate in at Oxted School. Some of the most popular clubs are chess club, badminton, the debating society, football, and orchestra. In addition, we also have an exciting school production this year called 'Anything Goes', and students have had the chance to audition to take part. There are also opportunities for students who do not wish to act to take part as well.

If your child has not started doing any enrichment activities, please encourage them to, even if it is to try something new that they have never done as it would be hugely beneficial to them. The full list of enrichment opportunities are linked on the school bulletin.

An upcoming enrichment activity is the sponsored walk which takes place on Friday 29 September. Sponsorship forms can be found on the school website via the link on the school bulletin. Please encourage your son/daughter to actively seek sponsorship for taking part in this walk from friends and family as the funds which are raised are reinvested for the wider benefit of Oxted School students. It is also an excellent day for Year 11 students to strengthen the bonds that they have.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 19 September from 6.30pm until 7.30pm in the Meridian Dining Hall.

Messages from Miss Bergamo:

Mindful Meditation

Mindfulness will commence on Thursday 14 September at 3.30pm in G12. Sessions are free of charge but students must reserve a place by emailing me at abergamo@oxtedschool.co.uk

Mindful Meditation is excellent to reduce stress, deal with anger, and find ways to be kinder to oneself.

Independent Study Areas (New Areas Added!)

Please encourage your child to use Oxted's Independent Study Areas after school to revise, make notes, research, and complete homework. Various spots will be open throughout the school. Stay tuned for more details.

- The **Library** is open until 5.00pm every night. This is a **silent study** area. The space encourages independent work at the desks or on computers. Food, headphones, and phones are not permitted.
- The **Meridian Dining Hall** (Canteen) is open until 4.30pm every night from Monday. This is a **quiet** study area.
- **EDEN IT** is open for independent Maths revision. Students can use the computers independently. Food is not permitted.
- **H2** is open for independent English revision.

Is Your Child a Perfectionist?

If your child finds that no one thinks like they do, if they struggle with the pressures of school, or if they're keen to find a place to talk about their desire to always "get it right", encourage them to come along to the Are You a Perfectionist lunch sessions on Thursdays.

They can join Miss Stephen and myself in **M2 at lunch every Thursday** for a calm space to discuss freely with staff and peers. Lunches are welcome, but only positive attitudes will be invited back.

Period 6

The following faculties are offering period 6 (3.30pm-4.30pm) this half term from Monday 18 September:

- Monday Business Studies (Hut M)
- Tuesday Creative Arts (Eden Hall, A7, MU3)
- Wednesday Modern Foreign Languages (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.

From parental feedback last year, this system will fully eliminate clashes as only one faculty will run sessions on each day.

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

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend

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