

Year 11 Parent Notes

This week was an important one for all teachers, tutors and students from Year 11 as our strategy for success and achieving the goals set for the academic year were shared with everyone involved in the process.

Thank you to those of you who came along to the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday and sharing with us the support and encouragement for your child to try their hardest and maximise their efforts this year to achieve the best results they can.

Miss Bergamo shared with parents the support available at Oxted School and reassured everyone that all the staff have secured excellent learning resources to enable the students overcome the challenges of the new curriculum and the new grading system.

Below are a couple of slides of how we are planning to support the students at school and how you can do that at home.



What the School will do to Support Students

- All homework will be posted on FROG.
- Workshops on study skills to be run throughout the year.
- Independent Study Spaces open from 18 September:
 - Silent Study in the Library
 - Quiet Study in the Meridian Dining Hall
 - English Independent Revision in H2
 - Maths Independent Revision in Eden IT
- Departments are open after school for consultations with teachers
- Sessions on managing stress, mindfulness, and health and well-being.
 - Mindful Meditation: Thursdays after school in the Drama Studio (Hut A)
 - Are You a Perfectionist: Thursdays at lunch in M2 (Miss Stephen and Miss Bergamo)
- Departments will look to identify students who need additional support
- Period 6 will run from 18th September every half term. The schedule will be displayed. From your feedback, only one subject will be offered everyday to ensure there are no clashes.

How can you help?

- Ensure all homework is completed to the best of their ability.
- Ensure revision for end of topic tests is part of fortnightly routine.
- Encourage using Frog and Kerboodle resources independently.
- Purchase (and encourage them to use) a supporting revision guide and workbook to complement classwork, assist with homework and independent study
- Make sure they learn all the key terminology by building up a resource at home - start now so the job won't be as big come Easter 2018!
- Keep up reminders and encouragement for revision before unit tests, Winter, Spring, and Summer exams.

The same messages and expectations were shared with all the students at our first Progress Assembly for this academic year. An overview plan of the year was presented half term by half term, so they can plan accordingly and start their revision independently. Miss Bergamo also spoke about the support we are offering for our students who are finding school stressful.

Finally in assembly, Mr Wheatley's positive behaviour prize draw was introduced. All students who have 100% attendance, no behaviour points in the past week and over 10 achievement points in the past week will be entered every fortnight – this is to encourage positive behaviour and celebrate those students who are doing the right thing.

A reminder that next Friday is the school's traditional sponsored walk. We are looking to raise as much money as possible to further support the students at Oxted School.

Students should all have a sponsorship form in the colour of their House. Spares can be found on the school website. Please sponsor your children who will be walking the surrounding countryside of Oxted within their House.

Students will be required to take a packed lunch and plenty of drink, please avoid students taking fizzy drinks. Students should also have sun cream and a hat, in case of hot weather. A packed lunch will be collected on the morning of the sponsored walk for those students who receive Free School Meals.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend.

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