

Year 11 Newsletter ~ Edition 1 Friday 29th September 2023



Welcome to the First Edition of the Year 11 Newsletter!

Firstly I would like to say that, on behalf of the Year 11 team, we are pleased to welcome back all our students.

We are continuing to use our weekly assemblies to deliver a wealth of useful information and reminders to support students on their return to school. Assemblies will continue on a weekly basis throughout Year 11 and will be used to deliver information and support students in their aspirations and target setting for the GCSE exams.

I would like to highlight the importance of wearing the correct uniform and I hope that every student complies with this policy. If you need any help and support in purchasing pre-loved uniform to see your child through their final year, then please contact me for further information on the school popup shop.

We have launched our PAR groups and these have been in place since the start of September. We are also launching our OOP Interact Programme and further details of this can found further on in this newsletter.

Recognising and supporting our students to achieve their ambitions is incredibly important to us and we will continue to look in further detail at career paths, further education and apprenticeship options. Ambition is a fantastic means of incentivising a student during what will be a challenging year.

It is extremely important to us that you find this newsletter a valuable means of communication in supporting you and your families throughout this stressful and demanding year. If you have any comments of suggestions regarding the content of the newsletter, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact your form tutor or myself.

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Introducing the Year 11 Team

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We have a great team of form tutors in Year 11. Not only do they undertake the role of the pastoral lead, but also run subject intervention sessions called PAR. In addition to the form tutors listed, Year 11 also have the following staff members supporting PAR sessions:

Mr Christoforou (Maths)

Dr Oswell (Maths)

Mrs Batchford (Science)

PAR commenced at the beginning of the term and every student has been allocated to a group based on the data collected from the end of Year 10 exams. Students will remain in their allocated PAR group until the end of this calendar year and once data has been collected and reviewed following the Trial 1 exams.

Interact

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We have already launched the Abbey College Offers and Opportunities Programme (**OOP**); The Year 11 element will continue to be known as *Interact* and sessions are now running. These after school teacher supported sessions and are a great way for our students to receive additional support, get help with their revision and improve their grades. It is proven that regular attendance at these sessions will support students in improving their grades during Year 11. A copy of the programme is included in this section of the newsletter, if you have any questions then please contact your subject teacher in the first instance.

Mrs Batchford has also provided a weekly programme of the topics to be covered in the science afterschool sessions this term, again a copy is included for your information.

Our expectation is that *every Year 11 student* will attend a minimum of *2 sessions* every week. Students should sign up for sessions through Edulink, further details on how to access Edulink are contained in this newsletter. We would request that parents also support and encourage their child to attend. They are a great way of earning "Purples"!

Every student has been issued with a loyalty card; every time a student attends an interact session they should ask their teacher to sign the card. Once they achieve 6 signatures, take the card to Miss Beel and she will add on a *Purple*.

We look forward to seeing you at the Interact sessions!



Support for Year 11

Space to revise and work quietly during break and lunch? No problem: S06 is available and will have flash cards, A3 paper, coloring pencils and felt tip pens for you to use.



Wednesday, South Science Block 3:20-4:20pm

Date	Choice 1	Choice 2	
20 th September	Electricity, including the Required practical	Bonding, summary and practice	
27 th September	Microscopy, including the required practical	Electrolysis, including the Required practical	
4 th October	Radioactivity, summary and practice	Photosynthesis, including the required practical	
11 th October	Quantitative chemistry, summary and practice	Specific heat capacity, including the required practical	
18 th October	Respiration, summary and practice	Acids and bases, summary and practice	



You all should have revision guides now, please bring your revision guide to every lesson, support your progress to success in science!

Year group Seneca Classes

Sign up for Seneca learning and join our year group classes for extra support: https://app.senecalearning.com/login

Year 11 Chemistry Revision 2023

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Year 11 Trilogy Higher Revision 23 swqw96jhoo

11 Trilogy Foundation Revision23 zf67hikm3b

Next Steps





In this section of the newsletter our Careers Team will share information about College and Sixth Form Open Days and Careers information Evenings. We will also share Apprenticeship information and all information and support we provide to our Year 11 students to help them make their choices for Next Steps.

We are really please to announce that we have the following events taking place on the 29th September:

- Inspirational Speaker at 0840am-0910am in the North Hall.
- AIM Apprenticeship's talk 0910am-0945am in the North Hall.

Should you or your child have any questions, concerns or need any information about Next Steps, please ask them to contact the Careers Team, Mrs Pollard lesley.pollard@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk or Ms Wilson cwilson@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

Alternatively students may pop in to the Careers office at break or lunchtime. This is now located upstairs in the Garden Block.



Edulink



EdulinkOne is a purpose-built parental communication tool in the form of an iOS and Android App. At Abbey College, we are keen to maintain good and immediate communication between families and school. This new facility will keep you and your parents up to date with information including your timetable, homework, achievements, behavioural issues and lesson attendance. Edulink was launched to parents earlier this year, students now also have access to the system.

To access this new tool you will need to either:

Search for EdulinkOne from the Apple App Store or Google play store and install the app to a mobile device - you can have it on more than one device if you wish. Once installed, the school code is **acr** and use the micorsoft button to log in with your **school account** and then follow the instructions in the app to complete your setup.

You can also access the app via the EdulinkOne website, there is a link on your school desktop or you can click on https://www.edulinkone.com/#!/login

EdulinkOne uses your school login, click on the microsoft button and it will automatically log in. At home please make sure you click on the Microsoft button and enter your school email and password.

If you have any problems accessing edulinkOne then please e-mail help@cmatsupport.com clearly advising your name, school and school e-mail and details of the issue.

Welfare Information

WELFARE

To Support, Advise & Listen

Mrs Gregory Mrs Peattie 07711 920454

If you need someone to talk to, we are happy to help!

Revision Guides



Revision guides are an extremely valuable aid to revision and are now available to order in school. The books recommended by Subject Lead are included on the order form and this will be shared with parents via parentmail. If you want to order any books then please print and complete the form, alternately you can come to the Year 11 Office to collect an order form.

Orders should be placed in a sealed envelope and can be posted in the red post box next to Student Support Hub in the reception area. Orders are placed on the *first of every month*. You will be advised when deliveries are ready for collection through form time notices and the weekly newsletter.

Please speak to your class teacher or Miss Beel if you have any questions regarding revision guides or other revision material.

Diary Dates



28th September 2023 ~ Year 11 Virtual Parent Teacher Meeting 4:20 - 7:30pm

29th September 2023 ~ Inspirational Speaker and AIM Apprenticeships event

19th October 2023 ~ Ramsey Gatehouse Sixth Form Open Evening and Careers Fair 4:30 - 7:30pm

13th November 2023 ~ Trial 1 Exams commence

Week commencing 18th December 2023 ~ Trial 1 Exam Results Release Event and Celebrating Success Assembly

11th January 2024 ~ Year 11 Targeted Virtual Parent Teacher Meeting 4:20 - 6pm

26th February 2024 ~ Trial 2 Exams commence

Week commencing 15th April 2024 ~ Trial 2 Exam Results Release Event and Celebrating Success Assembly