



2nd February 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Y11 Parental Update

Quick Read

- Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended Y11 Academic Parents' Evening on Thursday 8th December 2022. Any parent/carer who could not attend and requested feedback will have now received that information.
- This year's prom is booked for Monday 26th June 2023 at Gisborough Hall. Mrs Brosnan and the tutor team have conducted their first check to determine whether your child is currently on target to attend prom. You will have been notified by Mrs Brosnan if your child needs to make improvements to match any of the criteria to attend this or any other celebratory events.
- Students in Y11 will begin their second set of formal assessments for this academic year. They run from Monday 6th February until Monday 27th February with half term placed in between week one and two. Students have already been issued with their timetables to support with revision and you will have received a copy via email;
- Students have been informed of the expectation for the formal assessments and that this information would form part of a Teacher Assessed Grade in the highly unlikely event that we were requested to submit these by the Department of Education.
- Following analysis of PRP1 and the first set of formal assessments, students have been selected for revision or support sessions - these have been running all year but cohorts change to support the need at any given time;
- Date for the diary - Monday 20th March, Y11 Targeted Academic Parents' Evening - please note, we will only ask parents/carers to attend if your child is not making the progress we would expect at that time.
- Tassomai parental update - if you have not yet signed up to receive the weekly updates please do so.
- Your child will soon be asked to check their entries and to sign to say they have been entered for the correct examinations.

Y11 Academic Parents' Evening

Thank you to those of you who joined us for our Year 11 Academic Parents' Evening on Thursday 8th December 2022. The evening was received extremely positively by those in attendance - we appreciate your feedback as it helps to inform us on how to improve our events.

We fully appreciate that due to other commitments some parents/carers were unable to attend the evening. If you requested feedback, you will now have received this. Please note that all of the parental support materials are still accessible on our website to assist you in supporting your child to focus their [revision](#). There are also materials to help you support your child's mental health and well-being.

Y11 Celebrations, Assessments and reminders

In my last letter, I detailed the requirements for Year 11 Prom and other important end of year events. I have added this information again, at the end of the letter, as some parents/carers stated they found this useful last year. Your child's tutor has notified them if they are not yet on target to attend and Mrs Brosnan will have also written to you. I am pleased to report that the vast majority of students are exceeding our criteria. It is also important to stress that students have been given advice on what they need to do to improve.

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It is crucial that we continue to work together to ensure that your child fulfils all expectations to tackle this year successfully. We genuinely appreciate your ongoing support.

Y11 Formal Assessments

Next week, your child will begin their second set of formal assessments for this academic year. They run from Monday 6th February until Monday 27th February with half term placed in between week one and two. This is to replicate the experience they will have in the summer set. We shared the timetable directly with you at the beginning of January and individual timetables have been shared with your child this week. We would once again like to extend our offer of support, so please contact us should you need any further assistance. Furthermore, please encourage your child to persevere with their revision throughout the half term break in preparation for their February examinations

Your child attended an assembly with me this week to remind them of the expectations for the formal assessments and that this information would form part of a Teacher Assessed Grade in the highly unlikely event that we were requested to do so by the Department of Education. As part of this assembly, I reminded your child that it is really important to revise but that they must balance this with activities to support their mental health and well-being - be that going for a walk, reading a book, playing sports or attending a club.

Your child will be given their results in a mock results day as part of a special assembly after completing all of their assessments.

Y11 Interventions

Following analysis of PRP1 and the first set of formal assessments, students have been selected for revision or support sessions - these have been running all year but cohorts change to support the need at any given time. The overall current timetable is as follows:

Day	When	Subject
Monday	Tutor	Spanish
Monday	Tutor	English
Monday	After school 3:15pm-5:30pm	General Revision - LIFE CLUB (Support from a range of subject teachers to assist you with your revision.)
Tuesday	Tutor	Spanish
Tuesday	Tutor	Science
Tuesday	Lunch	Health and Social Care
Wednesday	Tutor	Science
Wednesday	Tutor	Health and Social
Wednesday	Tutor	History
Wednesday	Tutor	Health and Social Care
Wednesday	After-School 3:15-5pm	Media
Wednesday	After school 3:15-4:30pm	Maths - Past Paper Club (Starts after February half term)
Thursday	Tutor	Maths
Thursday	Tutor	French

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Friday	Tutor	Geography
Friday	Tutor	French
Friday	Tutor	Geography

In addition to this, drama students have been attending individual catch up sessions at various points throughout the day.

The OLC is also available for quiet study at the end of the day. Sessions can be booked directly with our OLC Manager. We also continue to run Study Club on a Monday night in the LIFE hub.

Targeted Academic Parents' Evening

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that our Y11 Targeted Academic Parents' Evening is due to take place on Monday 20th March 2023. We will be in contact with you shortly after the February break to invite you to make appointments for this Parents' Evening. Please note, we will only ask parents/carers to attend this event if your child is not making the progress we would expect at that time in a particular subject. If you are not requested to attend this is because your child is doing well in all subjects and we have no concerns.

Tassomai Update

In September, during our Y11 parental support evening, we introduced you to Tassomai. This resource is an app which students are expected to use to consolidate learning in science, English, Geography and History. This is not the only revision we would expect students to complete but does help students to retain pertinent knowledge.

At the beginning of October, Mrs Telford wrote to you to ask permission for us to share your email address directly with Tassomai. This was to enable you to receive weekly updates about your child's engagement in this vital revision tool. Around 75% of parents/carers responded to this and are receiving these updates.

The updates will tell you:

- How many daily goals have been completed this week in each subject;
- Their weakest topics in each subject;
- Provides recommended resources to support revision in the weaker topics.

If you haven't already done so, and would like to receive this information, please email a.telford@stokesleyschool.org.

Exam Entries

Shortly, your child will be asked to check and sign to say they have been entered for the subjects they are studying. They will bring a copy of this home for them to keep. This will take place after the February half term.

Despite the pressures of Y11, I have been really proud of our Y11 students who have continued to maintain their commitments to their clubs, fundraising and student leadership activities. Over fifty students participated in Mr Nassau's charity football tournament - we were hoarse cheering the teams on. Student leaders continue to perform their duties admirably and it is fabulous to see Y11 continuing to represent the school in sporting teams and as part of our upcoming performance events.





I would like to thank you personally for your continued support and hope that we can further work as a team to ensure that your child is on target to succeed in their end of year examinations.

Mrs Brosnan is currently not in school, we hope she will return soon. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or myself on j.darbyshire@stokesleyschool.org if you have any queries relating to the letter or anything at all to do with your child in Year 11.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Jane Darbyshire
Deputy Headteacher
Achievement and Standards

Appendix

A reminder of the information shared in a previous letter, as mentioned above:

The Prom

We launched our 'Passport to the Prom' expectations to students during assembly in September 2022 and explained this to parents/carers at our Y11 Parental Support Evening. Students will be reminded of the expectations and be informed if they are on track to attend by tutors in the next two weeks.

This year's prom is booked for Monday 26th June 2023 at Gisborough Hall. We would like to share with you the criteria for a student invitation to our prom for this year:

- *maintain a positive attendance record of least 96% attendance;*
- *at least 98% punctuality to school;*
- *100% punctuality to lessons;*
- *maintain an exemplary behaviour record with no marks for defiance towards staff;*
- *attend all required intervention sessions and complete independent work for example the use of our apps including Tassomai.*

As in previous years, we believe it is fair for all students who work hard every day to be able to celebrate with their peers. The vast majority of our Y11 students will achieve the criteria we have set out above and will be invited to join us for this and our leavers' celebration. When in attendance at Gisborough Hall, the students represent our school community and we expect our students to demonstrate respect at all times. Any student who falls short of our expectations in school will not be considered for an invitation to the prom.

Students who meet the criteria will receive a formal invite on Monday 6th June 2023. Students should not assume that they will receive an invite up until that day. However, tutors are speaking to their tutees individually at set points across the year to let them know if they are on target to go, or if they need to make improvements in a certain area. Please be aware that the invite can be rescinded at any point up until the date of the prom if a student fails to maintain the standards set out above.





Y11 Leavers' Presentation

We hope to host our leavers celebration on Friday 23rd June 2023 Due to the longer period of examinations which has been put in place as part of the contingency outcome, we need to see if there are any further changes before finalising the details of this event. We will write to you closer to the time with more information.

An invitation to the leavers' celebration is also subject to the same expectations as the prom. The invitation to the leaver's assembly will not be issued until the last week of June 2022.

Payment for Prom and Leavers Hoodies

Mrs Brosnan will write to you with the details of how to pay for prom and the leavers' hoodie after half term. Our preferred method of payment is ParentPay. If you require any information regarding ParentPay, please contact the Finance Office. Students will also be able to purchase a leavers' hoodie. The cost of this is approximately £16.

The cost of the Prom ticket will be no more than £38.

