



16th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Y11 Parental Update**

### **Quick Read**

- Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended Y11 Academic Parents' Evening on Monday 11th December 2023. Any parent/carer who could not attend and requested feedback will have now received that information.
- This year's prom is booked for Monday 8th July at Gisborough Hall. Mrs Bailey and the tutor team are conducting their first check over the next two weeks to determine whether your child is currently on target to attend prom. You will be notified by Mrs Bailey 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 5th February until Monday 26th 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 - Tuesday 12th 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 Monday 11th December 2023. 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 is in the process of notifying them if they are not yet on target to attend and Mrs Bailey will also be writing 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.

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**

Your child will begin their second set of formal assessments for this academic year on Monday 5th February until Monday 26th 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 have shared the timetable directly with you before Christmas, it is also available on our website and individual timetables will be 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.

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 sessions highlighted in green are available for any student to attend. The overall current timetable is as follows:



Day	When	Subject
Monday	After school 3:15pm-5:30pm	General Revision - LIFE CLUB (Support from a range of subject teachers including English, Science and Mathematics to assist your child with their revision.)
Tuesday	Tutor	Mathematics
Tuesday	Lunch	Science drop in - open to all
Tuesday	After school 3:20 - 5:15pm	English and Media Studies - exam paper practice
Tuesday	After school 3:30 - 4:15pm	Geography
Wednesday	Tutor	Mathematics
Wednesday	Tutor	English
Wednesday	Tutor	Science
Wednesday	Tutor	Geography
Wednesday	After school 3:15 - 4:30pm	Maths - Past Paper Club (Starts after February half term)
Wednesday	After school 3:15 - 4:30pm	English Language with a focus on Grade 6-9
Wednesday	After school 3:15 - 4:30pm	Geography
Thursday	Tutor	English
Thursday	Tutor	German
Thursday	Tutor	French
Thursday	Tutor	Geography
Friday	Tutor	History
Friday	Tutor	Media
Friday	Tutor	PE
Friday	Tutor	Computing

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 Tuesday 12th March 2024. 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 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 85% 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 [atelford@stk.areté.uk](mailto:atelford@stk.areté.uk).

### **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 twenty-five students participated in the highly competitive boys v girls netball match - 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, in the Christmas Concert 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor, Mrs Bailey, Head of Y11 on [jbailey@stk.areté.uk](mailto:jbailey@stk.areté.uk) or myself on [jdarbyshire@stk.areté.uk](mailto:jdarbyshire@stk.areté.uk) if you have any queries relating to this letter or anything at all to do with your child in Year 11.

Yours faithfully

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Achievement and Standards





## Appendix

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

### **The Prom**

We launched our 'Passport to the Prom' expectations to students during assembly in September 2023 and explained this to parents/carers at our Y11 Parental Support Evening and subsequent correspondence. 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 8th July 2024 at Gisborough Hall from 6 - 10pm. Students will be invited to arrive between 6 - 6:30pm.

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 21st June 2024. 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 be issued via the students school email address on the 14th June 2024.

### **Payment for Prom and Leavers Hoodies**

Mrs Bailey 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 £45.

