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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share our latest Year 11 Bulletin. Included in this issue is information about our Mock Examination season including Mock results, guidance on how to support your child during their final year, individual student celebrations and suggested revision from your child's subject teachers.

We hope you find it informative and useful, as always. We wish you and your child a fantastic Christmas break and look forward to welcoming students back in January, refreshed and eager to begin their last full term with us.

Briony Palmer
Assistant Headteacher

Message from Mr Whitehead, Headteacher

The November mocks represent a very important stepping stone towards the final GCSEs. Students, Staff and Parents all gain a sense of exactly how well progress is being made, what strategies are working, which ones are not and what gaps in knowledge exist. They are very much a signpost along the way and significant further progress is always possible and expected between now and May.

We shared individual student results with Y11 through an assembly, which also covered the opportunity for individuals to reflect on their performance based on the amount of effort they put in, what techniques they used and how they were prepared with course content and exam technique. Revising is a habit and needs to be built up over time. A student who did not revise for the mocks will find proper revision for the final exams difficult unless they change that habit now.

Overall the results for the cohort demonstrated that many students made good progress. We shared the journey that our cohort last year made, from mocks to results and their improvement in this time was significant. We expect our current cohort to make even more progress based on what we learnt last year; repeating what was successful, and adding new ways to support students as well.

Critical though, is the work ethic of each individual student and willingness to tackle positive areas for improvement. We have discussed this with them, shared advice from our previous cohort and been clear that hard efficient work needs to start today as tomorrow never comes! Over Christmas break everybody needs to have time to relax and recharge their batteries, however it is important students also continue developing the habit of independent revision and this document contains really useful information to help them with that as well as highlighting the support that we will be offering in school.

No outcomes in May are decided yet and each student has the ability to reach and exceed their potential with the right attitude, hard work, communication and support over the coming months.

We hope students use the Christmas break to relax, reset and prepare and we wish all families a very Merry Christmas.

All the best,

Adam Whitehead
Headteacher

Key Dates

Day and Date	Time	Event
Thursday 19 December	4.00pm - 7.30pm	Y11 Parents' Evening
Monday 6 January	8.40am	Start of Term
Wednesday 15 January	All Day	INSET Day
Wednesday 22 January	6.30pm - 8.00pm	Prepare to Perform Evening

Wednesday 22nd January – Year 11 GCSE 'Prepare to Perform' Evening 6.30-8.00pm

We would like to invite all the parents and carers of Year 11 to our Year 11 'Prepare to Perform' Evening which will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 22nd January. This is our first of two evenings, which will provide information on what you as parents need to help and support your child in their academic preparation for the GCSE exams.

There will be an introductory talk from Mr Whitehead and then the opportunity to attend all four workshops:

- Preparing to Perform in GCSE English - Miss Emily Warrington (Head of English)
- Preparing to Perform in GCSE Maths - Mr Phillip Harding (Head of Maths)
- Preparing to Perform in GCSE Science - Mr Ben Carter (Head of Science)
- Supporting your child during their GCSEs - Mr Cordwell (AHT Wellbeing)

In each session there will be a short presentation on the exam specification and course overview, exam questions, revision topics, how to revise and where to find revision material for each subject, including supporting your child during the exam period.

More information and the chance to confirm your attendance on to school gateway will be sent out at the start of next term.

Examination Information - Miss Paterson

We have been really impressed with the way in which Year 11 conducted themselves in the Mock examinations. Please see below a timetable of upcoming exams which have been emailed to all parents.

Date	Start	Length	Class	Subject	Exam Code	Exam	No of students
Wed 08 Jan	09:00	01:00	10B/HfI	Health & Fitness	R051/01	Sport Studies: Contemporary Issues in Sport	19
Wed 08 Jan	13:30	01:15	11A/lmI	Interactive Media	R081/01	Creative iMedia: Pre-production Skills	20
Mon 2nd March - Fri 13th March	AM / PM		Y11	All Y11 subjects - Mock Exams 2			All Y11
11th May - 24th June	AM / PM		Y11	GCSE Exams Season			All Y11 (some Y10)

Although the majority of students came into their examinations prepared, the post-Christmas January sales provide a key time to treat your child to a scientific calculator!



Top Christmas Tips – Subject Department

The Christmas break is an important time for all students to relax and reset, however we know many students will still need to be encouraged to use some time to keep up their revisions over the holidays. To prepare them over Christmas please see below some top tips from every subject about what our students can do over the Christmas break.

Subject	Top Tips
Art	1. Use your feedback sheets to make improvements to your Mock exam sketchbook over the Christmas break. Your sketchbooks will be handed in first week back so it's important that you use this time wisely. 2. Make sure your project includes 3 or more artist studies, primary photos (lots of them, some relating to artists and some relating to themes or ideas), experimentation, thumbnail ideas and final piece refinement.
Computing	1. Use Highlighter Revision Resources 2. Watch the Linus Tech Tips from Google Classroom 3. Use the Knowledge Organisers 4. Use SENECA Learning 5. Use Isaac Computer Science
DT	1. Make sure that all of your folio sheets are completed. 2. When opening your presents, think about the materials and techniques used to make them.
PE	1. Watch revision videos and complete test quizzes on The Everlearner on topics you feel you are less confident in. Revisit topics where you have lower quiz scores. https://theeverlearner.com/ 2. Complete the analysis section of your coursework to the best of your ability so you are ready to move onto the evaluation section after Christmas.
Drama	1. Please make sure you have completed section 3, the evaluation for your devised log. 2. Learn your lines for Com 3 Text in Practice so that you are able to run through off script in January
English	1. Follow the 12 days of Christmas: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O3ISewjvsTi7-bXvMyPH77CYccvUN4Xf/view?usp=sharing
French	1. Make sure you have answered all questions (themes 1, 2 and 3) of your <u>Speaking Booklet</u>. You have to start learning these answers off by heart. 2. Look at the list of revision websites on your google classroom and Classcharts and select at least 3 (one of which should be SENECA or BBC bitesize) and practise the remaining 3 skills, with emphasis on Reading and Listening. 3. Check the following school site for extra help, especially for listening practices. https://sites.google.com/a/bohuntworththing.com/mfl-bsw/
Food and Cookery	1. Check out googleclassroom as it has all the original power points from the course and make revision cards 2. Print out and complete the revision guide that has been shared on google classroom. 3. Attempt the short answer questions on each section with the quizzes shared for each assessment criteria. 4. You could purchase this revision guide:

	https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Revision-Notes-Vocational-Hospitality/dp/1510473335/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=hospitality+and+catering+revision+guide&qid=1576482507&sr=8-1
Geography	1. Start your revision for each unit by using the checklist to RAG your current knowledge and understanding and identify where gaps might be. 2. Use the Year 11 Geography Revision Google Class (code 4xaym2 if you haven't joined yet). Here you will find links to the RAG Revision Lists, Knowledge Organisers, Case Study Booklets, Revision Podcasts and other useful resources. Use these to create your revision notes and/or flash cards. https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/MTgzNjQzMzM0MzZa 3. Use the Geography@BSW website to access past papers and mark schemes to improve your exam technique. https://sites.google.com/bohuntworthing.com/bsw-geography/home
History	1. Go through and make revision notes / flashcards on the key events of each of the 4 History units on the 'Revision Timelines' section of the GCSE revision website. https://sites.google.com/a/bohuntworthing.com/gcse-history-revision/revision-timelines 2. Use the Elizabeth and Medicine exam technique question mats shared with you to answer practice questions shared with you on Google Classroom / the GCSE revision website. https://sites.google.com/a/bohuntworthing.com/gcse-history-revision/past-papers-questions
Health and Fitness	3. Watch this series of BBC clips showing the development of medicine over time. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVJV8iEAm88&t=190s
Interactive Media	1. Use knowledge organisers from Google Classroom. 2. Complete past exam papers from Google Classroom. 3. Use the mark schemes to self-assess your past exam papers. 4. Use any content from previous lessons which are all on Google Classroom.
Music	1. Use the revision booklets AOS1-4- complete all the unheard listening exercises. 2. Work through the Beatles and Haydn work books 3. Make flash-cards on musical elements related to your set works 4. Create flash-cards on musical elements, definitions and musical devices. 5. Do practice section B questions under timed conditions. 6. Fill in elements sheets for MRMADHITTTTS
Mandarin	1. Use Quizlet to review vocab 2. Use https://www.secondaryschoolchinese.com/ to review listening and reading of all topic 3. Log in Google classroom for revision tips 4. Complete the past paper over Christmas
Maths	Use the Highlighter revision to: • Access past papers and markschemes with worked examples. • Access your recent mock paper, and review those questions you got wrong (take a photo of your QLA in class to inform you) • Access recall and memorisation techniques and information. • Discover further revision websites and resources. Use Hegarty Maths to: • Attempt past tests and improve your scores. Access these through the 'my scores' section • Attempt MemRi tasks to embed prior learning. • Attempt fix up 5 tasks to improve your quiz scores

Science	1. Use the past paper exam questions on google classroom to work on your exam technique. (code: q0tnze) 2. Look at revision notes, lesson presentations and other resources on google classroom. (code: q0tnze) 3. Use malmesbury science required practical video channel on youtube to revise required practicals. https://bit.ly/2P8f3bM 4. Use free science lessons video to revise science content. https://bit.ly/38rV9Ag 5. If your class use everlearner (https://bit.ly/35aK44x) or mygcsescience (https://bit.ly/2PbcAxm), then use this to support your revision.
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Student Celebration – Year 11 Tutors

Year 11s have successfully completed their first mock season, and whilst this can be an incredibly stressful time, we are also exceptionally proud of the way that our students conducted themselves throughout this half term.

We have praised the entire year group but there are also individual celebrations we would like to recognise and praise. Year 11 Tutors would like to celebrate the achievement of the following students who have encapsulated our ethos in three simple words; enjoy, respect and achieve.

Well done to all these students.

	Enjoy	Respect	Achieve
I ILBR Miss Brugnoli	Josh Simpson Josh has been such a help to the PE department as well as being such a friendly and helpful student to anyone who needs his help.	Abigail Watkins Abi has been a really welcome member of the school community as well as the tutor group. She has brought fun and joy to many students here already.	Oscar Ellis Oscar is such a considerate and respectful student, which allows him to work really hard and achieve some great results.
I IJWH Mr White	Louie Rowe The range of initiatives around the school which Louie runs / is involved with which make BSW such an enjoyable place is quite fantastic.	Lily McKernan Lily is so respectful and caring towards every single student and teacher she engages with in school.	Alex Broadhurst It has been great to see Alex take on the role as a History Leader so brilliantly and coach other students in improving their exam technique and raising their achievement in the subject.
I IEMI Mr Minor	Lucas Dickinson It has been so great to see how positive Lucas has been this term about so many aspects of school life, and happy with his achievements.	Ruby Palmer Not only does she have a heart of gold, Ruby always looks after the Tutor group and has time to listen to anyone.	Olivia Venditto Olivia excels in all areas of school life; both academic and co-curricular. She has already started her journey of success and is set to achieve great things.
I IRSH/DA Mr Shoebridge Miss Day	Sam Watson Sam has been a valuable and committed attendee of English revision and Friday afternoon study group and always has a great attitude.	Charlie Berlanga Charlie is consistently a polite, pleasant student who is respectful to all staff. He is great at engaging in discussions.	Toby Dingwall Toby always has a fantastic attitude and effort towards his own revision, which has led to some excellent results.

BSW Revision Programme – Mr Jones

To support students throughout the run in period to their GCSE examinations, subject areas will be running support sessions afterschool from January from 3.30 – 4.30pm. Although these sessions are not compulsory, we do recommend that students attend them regularly in order to support the work they are doing in lessons and at home.

Week	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week A Commencing: 13/01/20 27/01/20 10/02/20 02/03/20 16/03/20 30/03/20	Further Maths S30 - RDA Higher Maths S33 - HPE Foundation Maths S31 - PHA Geography Masterclass: for those aiming for 6-9 F21 with SPI History focus on securing a Grade 4/5 F45 - JWH. Hospitality and Catering S36 - JST	English Masterclass: for those aiming for 6-9- F27 - EWN/GJA English Securing the 5 F41/F26 - RSH/LBR Geography: securing a grade 4/5 F22 - NSH Design Technology. G24 - TBA	Science intervention S10 - BCA Drama Component I Drama Studio - MPA Interactive media and Computing Mr Franklin S29 PE Revision F03s JGO/GWE
Week B Commencing: 6/01/20 20/01/20 03/02/20 24/02/20 09/03/20 23/03/20	Further Maths S30 - RDA Higher Maths S33 - HPE Foundation Maths S31 - PHA Geography Masterclass: for those aiming for 6-9 F21 with SPI History revision F45 - JWH Hospitality and Catering S36 - JST	English Masterclass: for those aiming for 6-9- F27 - EWN/GJA English Securing the 5 F41/F26 - RSH/LBR Geography: securing a grade 4/5 F22 - NSH History focus on securing a Grade 6-9 F44 - BPA / SWI / TPE Design Technology. G24 - TBA	Science intervention S10 - BCA Drama Component I Drama Studio - MPA Interactive media and Computing Mr Franklin S29 PE Revision F03s JGO/GWE

In addition to our afterschool support sessions, our very own purpose-built revision website 'Highlighter Revision' has proven to be a valuable resource for our students and parents to assist preparations for GCSE exams. Students are required to log into the site using their school email and password. We would encourage parents to access the site with their children and take an active role in using the site purposefully. The website address has been shared with students via posters in their tutor groups and through notices during tutor time and is accessible website at home and in school.

Website Includes:

- Revision techniques
- Links to revision websites such as SENECA
- Summer exam timetable
- Links to each subject area with revision materials
- Past exam papers and mark schemes

The site can be accessed on our website STUDENTS – HIGHLIGHTER REVISION. Alternatively you can follow the link below or scan the QR code on your Phone/iPad, and using your child's log in details.

<https://sites.google.com/bohuntworthing.co.uk/highlighter/home>



Google Classroom 'Class of 2020'

All important information relating to revision, study leave and exams will be shared with students on their Year 11 'Class of 2020' Google Classroom. A reminder that students should check this site regularly for information about revision sessions and for other relevant information. If your child has not signed up to this yet, they can use the code **h3jwlyv** to join.

Where and what to revise?

It is really important that all students are clear what content will be covered in the exam for each subject. Therefore at the end of this letter is a document that provides where all revision material can be found for each subject.

We have also created 'Topic Breakdown' sheets which lists every topic for every exam your child will be sitting in their mock examinations. This will help students evaluate their subject knowledge and identify areas about which they feel less confident. Please encourage them to build confidence in these areas using notes, revision guides or by speaking to their teachers. All the Topic Breakdowns can be found on their Googleclassroom 'Class of 2020' and also on the website: www.bohuntworthing.com/gcse

Why Attendance Matters – Mr Pearson

You have less chance of succeeding a school if you are not in. Data shown in one of Year 11's recent assemblies' shows clearly how well our students did last year compared to their attendance.

Percentage attendance during Year 11	Percentage of students achieving		
	5 GCSES at Grades 4-9	Grade 4+ in English and Maths	Grade 5+ in English and Maths
100%	84.61%	84.61%	76.92%
95%-99.9%	72.91%	83.33%	45.83%
90% to 94.9%	58.33%	66.67%	16.67%
85%- 89.9%	28.57%	14.28%	0%
Below 85%	0%	33%	33%

Thankfully, I am pleased to report that attendance for the majority of our students is above 95%, and clearly have no issues with coming into school.

It is really important that you make every effort you can to come into school, even if you are struggling with a cough, cold, headache or stomach ache. Even coming in when they are having a not so great day means they are in and in front of a teacher delivering content or revision. We are able to administer paracetamol at school from 12:30pm onward, if we have your permission to do so on our system.

If the reason they are struggling to get in is more due to stress or worries about something, please encourage your child to talk to their tutor, achievement coordinator or a member of the pastoral team who can help and support with what will be a challenging time.

Supporting Your Child – Mr Cordwell

Whatever the outcome of your child's mock results there are two key messages:

1. They survived! Exposure towards the stresses of exams is an important experience for your child.
2. There is still time. Historically students can see their progress accelerate in between their mocks and their exam outcomes. However this is dependent on the attitude of the learner.

Parents evening will have been a great opportunity to understand where your child is and what steps they needed to secure exam success in the summer. We know there is a lot of pressure on young people to do well in exams. And as a parent it can be difficult to know how best to support your child.

The best way to support your child during the stress of revision and exams is to make home life as calm and positive as possible. Please reinforce the importance of a healthy breakfast in the morning of the exams and support your child in maintaining a healthy sleep and regular exercise routine.

Inevitably this examination season will have high and low points for all our students, your support is especially vital in getting through the low points. Try to encourage your child to focus on the positives. It is important to celebrate their hard work and effort and to keep looking ahead to the next exam rather than letting them dwell on any perceived failures. [This article](https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2017/may/11/how-can-parents-help-students-survive-the-exam-season) contains some tips you may find useful (<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2017/may/11/how-can-parents-help-students-survive-the-exam-season>).