An Ashmole Trust School

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'Excellence, Aspiration and Care'

7th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you and your families had a restful summer and are ready for the academic year ahead.

Year 11 is a very important year for your child we would like to reassure you that as a school and a pastoral team we will be working tirelessly in order to best support each one of our students on their journey through Year 11 and onto completing their GCSEs.

Mr Clark will continue as Head of Year 11 supported by Mrs Ahmad, Year 11 Pastoral Mentor and I will continue as Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for Year 11.

In line with our sixth form, we have decided to change the names of each tutor group to incorporate the form tutor's initials. Please find the updated list below.

As a school, we are fully committed to making every effort to give your child an excellent standard of education. Our ambition is to bring vision, high expectations and enthusiasm within an inspiring curriculum. This curriculum will continue to evolve to meet the needs of a dynamic society, and incorporate innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

Please find an outline of what your child will be learning this term in the table below. There will be a progress check towards the end of Autumn 1 for all Year 11 students and you will receive your child's progress check after half term.

The pastoral focus for tutor time this term is Forming Caring Relationships and Building Resilience, and there will be many opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

I will be sending more details about preparation for the GCSE Mock Assessments which will take place in December, to include details of forming a revision plan and the best way to approach revision.

Yours faithfully

Ms Best

Assistant Head Teacher

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Updated Tutor Groups Year 11

2022-2023	2023-2024 Tutor Group	2023-2024 Form Tutor
11J1	11MTA	Mr Tabor
11J2	11RIU	Mr Rius
11M1	11ADE	Miss Adebayo
11M2	11NOJ	Mr Norfolk
11N1	11FAL	Mr Falconer
11N2	11SWM	Miss Swingler
11S1	11NAN	Miss Naik
11S2	11SHS	Mrs Hogsden
11V1	11ISN	Mr Isnardi

Year 11 Curriculum Outline Autumn Term

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Art	Coursework Mock Exam Initial ideas Observational drawings	Coursework Mock Exam Developing an idea Responding to artists Planning final piece
Biology	Inheritance	Homeostasis
Business	Operational decision making	Financial decision making
Chemistry	Organic Chemistry	Organic Chemistry
Computer Science	Algorithms, Subroutines and String Handling	Cyber Security and Legal, Ethical and Environmental Impacts of Computing
Drama	Noughts and Crosses: Exam exploration.	Noughts and Crosses: Exam exploration.
English	GCSE English Literature: Poetry and An Inspector Calls	English Language Paper 1 Skills
French	Themes 1-3: Challenging social & environmental issues	Revision of topics
Geography	Paper 3, Topic 8: Forests under Threat Paper 1, Topic 1: Hazardous Earth: Extreme Weather & Climate	Paper 2, Topic 5: The UK's Human Landscape Paper 2, Topic 5: Dynamic UK City (London)
History	GCSE: PAPER 1 (The History of Medicine)	GCSE: PAPER 3 (Germany 1918-1939)
Mathematics (Higher)	Functions and iteration Transforming Graphs Advanced Trigonometry	Vectors Algebraic Proof Mocks
Maths (Foundation)	Multiples and Factors Indices and Standard Form Area, Perimeter and Right Angled Triangles	Algebraic manipulation Mocks
Music	Set work: Bach	Set work: Beethoven
	General revision	Begin composition 2(to brief) Recording of GCSE ensemble performances
PE	Stress Management Techniques in Sport	Socio-cultural Issues in Sport
Physics (Y11 Combined)	4. Atomic Structure	7. Magnetism and electromagnetism

Physics (Y11 Separate)	4. Atomic Structure	7. Magnetism and electromagnetism
Religious Studies	GCSE – Theme B: Religion and Life	GCSE – Islam: Practices
Spanish	Theme 3 – School and Further Education	Theme 3 – Jobs and Future Plans
Product Design	POLYMER THEORY NEA Specification Concept ideas	POLYMER THEORY NEA Initial ideas Development
Textiles	CORE THEORY NEA Specification Concept ideas	CORE THEORY NEA Initial ideas Development
Food and Nutrition	NEA COURSEWORK INVESTIGATION	NEA COURSEWORK CONCEPTS MOCK PREPARATION