Windsor High School and Sixth Form

Year 11 News Updates

Excellence for All

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A message from Mr Langford:

The first few weeks of the year have already flown by Year 11 - Please make the most of the opportunities you have!!

Important information and updates:

- Mock exams will start on 19th October.
- Mock exam information, including a timetable are here
- Wave 1 revision and support sessions will finish for half term on Thursday 22nd October
- We have had over 200 students regularly attending WAVE - getting extra academic support and signatures for their Prom Passport
- We will draw some lucky students for a reward breakfast after the mocks, but all students who have been doing their best will be recognised
- Year 11 Parent Revision Evening last month was a real success - let's keep the momentum going! All resources here

Sixth Form Open Evening

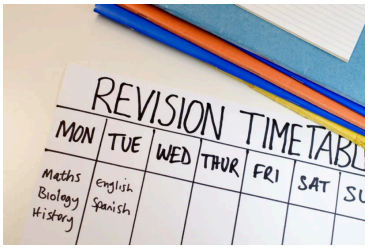
Many students have already successfully applied to our Sixth Form this year. Your opportunity to see the Sixth Form is at our *Open Evening on Wednesday 21st October*. To register your interest please visit our website and view our Prospectus

Form Time Revision

Year 11 students are using some registration time to improve their study skills. This is a really important time for students to set themselves up for a great day!

How can I help?

Our children do not always want our 'interference' but we all want to help as much as we can. Some possible ideas…



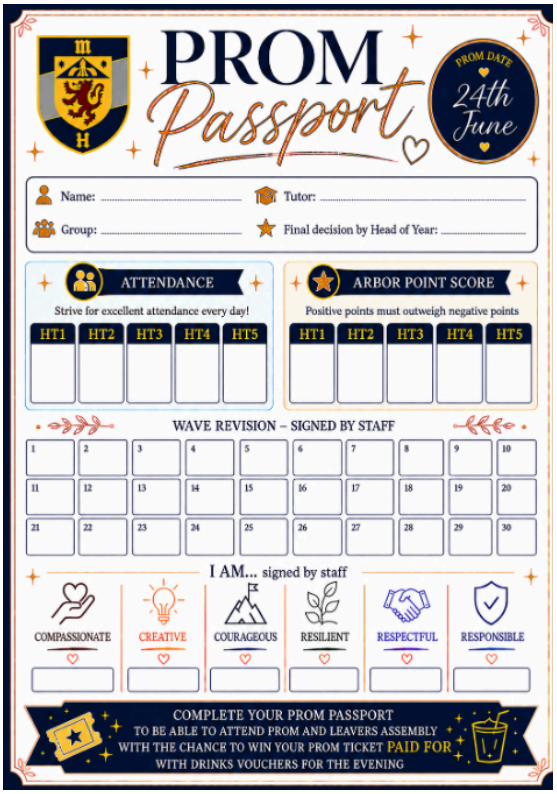
- Work on a revision timetable together and put it on the fridge / kitchen notice board with the mock timetable.
- Simply ask how things are going - is there anything I can help with?
- Encourage breaks, food and drink times.
- Agree together that late night revision is not a good idea.
- Agree 'rewards' for hard work and time limits on games, etc.
- Talk about their future plans - Sixth Form, college, work, etc.
- Try and organise a quiet space for them.
- Make sure they sleep!
- Helpful link for revision tips - Windsor's roadmap to exam success
- Make sure they **attend** - students with over 95% attendance last year achieved…
    - 3 times more grade 7s and above in English and Maths
    - Twice as many grade 5+s in English and Maths
    - An average grade of over 5 compared with 3

Prom Passport

Mr Perks has already shared with you the information regarding the Prom Passport - please continue to support this fantastic opportunity.

In order to have the opportunity to purchase a ticket to the prom students must complete their passport with the following:

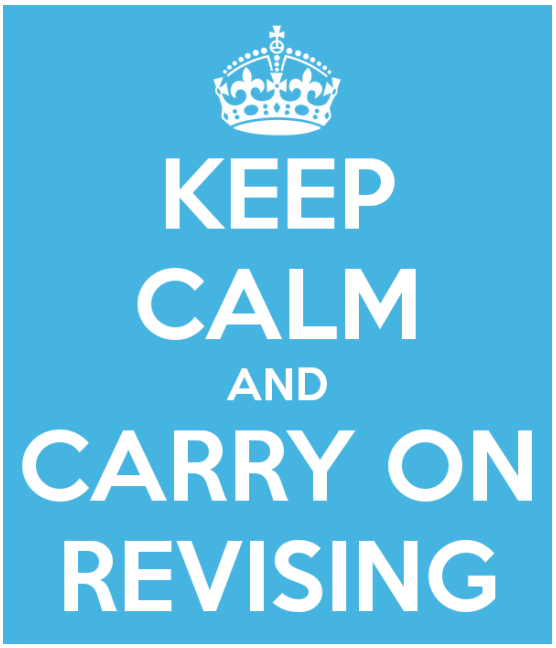
- Attendance and excellent behaviour and engagement at revision sessions
- Excellent attendance to school
- Positive behaviour and engagement around school
- Six Character References from 6 different members of staff outlining that that student has shown Compassion, Courage, Creativity, Responsibility, Respect and Resilience



This is an amazing opportunity for our students to thrive this academic year and achieve their academic potential in their GCSE examinations next year.

Please note, passports will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Further information will be shared in the new year



Examination protocols - Mocks start Monday 19th October

- Line up on the Astro as normal every morning - you will go straight to the exam from there
- Be early!
- Make sure you eat and drink
- Have enough sleep!
- Bring the correct equipment to every exam - black pen, ruler, calculator
- Meet at the Sixth Form steps for exams after Break
- Meet at the playground for 1.30pm big exams like Science and English
- Look carefully at the start and end time of each exam - ***Please note the English exam on Friday 23rd is 2h 15min long. It will not finish until approx. 4pm***
- Do not have any notes etc. in your pockets
- Turn off your phone / IPad and leave it in your pouch / bag all day
- You must not talk in the exam venue - it is very strict
- Water bottles without labels
- Transparent pencil cases
- Know your seat number - see your tutor
- Butterflies and worry are normal feelings!
- Just do your best - you were brilliant in the summer Year 10 exams!
- Speak to Mr Langford if you have any concerns