



Year 11 Newsletter

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The final countdown...

When students return from the half term break, there will only be nine school weeks until the examinations start. The GCSE and BTEC examinations begin on Monday 11th May and run until Wednesday 24th June. For some students this can be a stressful time as the assessments get closer and closer. I was thrilled to receive some feedback from the students this week on how they could help and support each other during these next few months. Solidarity is one of our co-operative values and students discussed how they could work together to help and support each other. Their ideas included:

- Revise together to share each other's knowledge rather than alone
- Become a 'teacher' for your friend, helping them through difficult topics
- Complete past papers as a group
- Make revision cards and test each other
- Meet for a lunch time study session
- Revise with a friend/ class mate
- Help someone that doesn't understand a particular topic that you are confident with.
- Create a facebook group for a subject and post questions on it for others to answer.
- Weekly morning meet in the common room before tutor time for a 'chill and chat' session
- Share revision notes and posters/ revision strategies with each other

After half term all of the tutorial sessions in the morning will be dedicated to either discovering new ways to revise or personal revision time. A good website to help plan revision timetables is: <http://www.dayjob.com/content/revision-timetable-771.htm>

Mr D. Dudley

After School Study Support

The study support lessons have been running this half term and will continue to do so until the examinations start. Students are welcome at the sessions below, but they are expected to bring work or problems to those lessons. Some students must attend and parents have been informed of this via a letter. Additionally, the English department are reviewing which students need to attend and students will be notified by letter if their attendance is compulsory. As a reminder the after school timetable is below.

Monday	English resistant materials, engineering and art.
Tuesdays	Geography, history, French and Spanish, art, graphics, textiles and media.
Wednesdays	Maths, IT, art, graphics, textiles and media.
Thursdays	Science and art, graphics, textiles and media.
Fridays	Art & music

Science Week Monday 2nd, Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th March

Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the Science Week Evening Lectures, which include *Mind and Brain in the 21st Century*, *Fire and Ice* and *A Journey Through Time and Space*. Tickets are £1-£2 and available from North Site Reception.

The Snow Queen

A very pleasing number of students from Year 11 took part in the College's drama production this year. Having personally viewed it, I would like to thank the drama department for all of their hard work in making the performance run smoothly. The year 11 actors and those who helped out backstage were a credit to themselves and the department; some of the year 11 actors are below.



The Year 11 Summer Ball

Date: Thursday 25th June 2015

Price: £30

Location: Tregenna Castle, St Ives

End of Key Stage 4 signing out day

This is on the 25th June and will take place during period 1. Students should bring in all of their course textbooks and will need to get their teachers to sign their form before a brief assembly at the end of period 1. Students should be free to leave by break time.

Year 11 footballers make it to the County Cup final.

The year 11 football team displayed a lot of team work and solidarity as well as determination, perseverance and skill to make it through to the county cup final. Sadly they lost the match, played in stormy conditions to a very good Saltash side 3-2.

College Skirts

We have become aware that there has been some uncertainty over what are the appropriate skirts to be worn by our students. We have therefore sourced some styles that can be purchased from the College or a supplier Trophy Textiles in Pool but parents/carers are welcome to source skirts themselves, if preferred. The skirts are all 22 inch in length, and there are samples for students to try at the College. The cost is approximately £15 but this does vary slightly dependent on style and size. Please click on the [Uniform](#) link on the College website for further details.

Post 16 @ HCC

The Post 16 team held interviews with Year 11 students last week and talked to them all about their plans for September. I was struck by how many students have firm career plans and mature, aspirational targets. I was encouraged by how they were making sensible choices based on subjects they are passionate about and everyone was realistic about the work they needed to do in the coming weeks to realise their goals. I am looking forward to talking to Year 11 students again in August when their Post 16 dreams can become a reality.

There is a wide range of Enrichment activities on offer in Post 16. These are an opportunity for students to spread their wings and explore new activities and disciplines, possibly outside of their chosen subjects. I would urge students to consider how they can benefit from the leadership pathway available at Post 16, maybe within the house system or the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Students can develop crucial life skills that will help them in the competitive world of work and enable them to become valued members of the community.

Last year, 104 students secured University places, with the majority gaining their first choices whilst many of our vocational students went on to employment or apprenticeships. I look forward to welcoming the next cohort of Post 16 students in September and to seeing them flourish. If you have any questions regarding Post 16, please feel free to contact me or any of the Post 16 team.

Ben Oldfield
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