

26th October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Upcoming Events for Year 11 students

The next few months will be a very busy period for all Year 11 students and I would like to bring to your attention some of the key events that will be taking place.

iGCSE examinations

All candidates are to arrive in the exam room **no later than 12.50 on Wednesday 1st November and Tuesday 7th November** to ensure a 13.00 prompt start. Due to exam board regulations, candidates must be seated in the exam room at 13.00. Students who arrive after this time may not have their paper accepted by the exam board. All late arrivals will be notified to CIE without exception.

Calculators are permitted, however the cover must be removed and it is not to be brought into the venue. Likewise a reminder that phones are not permitted, whether switched off or otherwise, and it is therefore recommended that they are left at home. In addition this year all watches (not just smart watches) and fitness trackers etc. are also excluded from the venue. To save time at the start of the exam it is recommended that these are also left at home.

There is also an English Resit exam on **Monday 30th October** at 9.00am and students need to be in school by **0850**.

The Maths resit exam is on **Monday 8th January** at 9.00 (first day back after Christmas) and the second paper is **16th January** also at 9.00am. Maths timetables will be issued in December.

Please note that there are no school buses available during half-term. Students do not have to wear school uniform for exams during the half-term holiday. The venue is stated on individual timetables, if anyone is unsure or needs another timetable please see Mrs O'Neill Exams Officer ASAP.

Employment and Skills Event - Thursday 9th November – Villa Marina, Douglas

This is an all-island event and you may wish to accompany your son or daughter in the evening. The event provides students with an excellent opportunity to gather valuable information about different careers and pathways.

Reports and Academic Tutoring

Year 11 annual reports will be issued on Friday 8th December and Academic Tutoring will be held on Thursday 14th December. More details will be sent out in November.

Year 11 Mock Exams Wednesday 17th January to Wednesday 24th January

Year 11 Mock Exams take place from Wednesday 17th January to Wednesday 24th January. Each student in Year 11 will be issued with a personalised timetable before the exams begin. Students who attend the Isle of Man College **will** have their college course as normal on Friday morning. Each student is required to attend in full school uniform and to have the necessary equipment for their exams.

Monday 29th January University College of Man Taster Day

Another key event is the Taster Day at the University College. This will give all students a chance to learn about courses offered at the college and it takes place on Monday 29th January. Students will again be taken by bus to the College, and will collect the students to return to school.

Year 11 into 12 Evening

The Year 11 into 12 Information Evening will take place on Wednesday 7th February 2018 in the Sixth Form Centre. More details will be sent out early next year.

Mock Job Interviews Thursday 8th and 22nd February

Another initiative we are offering to Year 11 this year, is the chance for students to have a mock job interview with a local employer. Working with our partners from Junior Achievement Isle of Man, employers will put together a 'Job Description'. Students who are interested in taking part will then alter CVs to suit the job on offer. Interviews will take place on Thursday 8th February and Thursday 22nd February. While there is obviously no actual job on offer this time, students will have the chance to go through the interview process and will receive immediate feedback about how they did. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain valuable experience and life skills in the secure of knowledge they can't 'fail'. After Christmas, students who are interested will be asked to put their names forward and I would strongly advise you to encourage your son or daughter to do so. This will build on the work carried out by Junior Achievement Isle of Man when they were in school for their "Get a Job" programme in July.

Junior Achievement – It's All About Money Friday 2nd March

This programme is delivered over one morning session by JA Volunteers from local companies. The Learning Outcomes are to introduce young people to the essentials of good money management and to help students to become financially capable adults. Topics include how to manage your bank account, budgeting, saving and planning for the future, responsible lending, payday loans, interest rates, scams and how to protect your identity.

I appreciate that this letter contains lots of information, but if you have any queries about any aspect of it, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Year 11 team.

Yours faithfully

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