



Ringwood School

Year 11 Newsletter- Spring Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of upcoming events and important dates for Year 11 students, over the next half term. The students have returned this half term, excited and ready to embrace the last few months of their academic journey at Ringwood School. They are very much focused and looking forward to completing their GCSE exams, attending Prom and deciding on their Post 16 plans. I am also very happy to share that Year 11's attendance is now above national average, so I'd like to thank you for supporting us with our attendance.

Please find below the calendar for Year 11 students for the start of the next term, please feel free to email about any of the upcoming events, I am more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Spring Term 2023:

PSHE p3-4 – Tuesday 28th February

Inset Day (School Closed) – Wednesday 22nd March

Progress Check 3 Home – Thursday 23rd March

PSHE p5 – Thursday 23rd March

Maths Paper 1 mock p1 -2 – Tuesday 28th March

Maths Paper 2 p1-2 & Maths Paper 3 p5-6 – Wednesday 29th March

English Language Paper 2 Mock p1-2 and Biology Mock p5-6 – Thursday 30th March

Chemistry p1-2 & Physics Mock P5-6 – Friday 31st March

Last day of Spring Term – Friday 31st March

Return to school after Easter – Monday 17th April.

Year 11 Support and Intervention sessions:

Please see below the list of support and intervention sessions available for Year 11 students after half term:

	Lunchtime session 1:20-2:00	Info about session	After school session	Info about session: venue / time...etc
Monday	Media	Me1	English	By invitation EN3/3/4/5/6/7
Tuesday	Media	Me1	French Spanish	By invitation La4/La5 La1 Ar1/ Ar2 / Ar5 / Ar6

			Art / Photography / Textiles	HIC
			OCR Sports Studies	Coursework / practical – every night after school
			Drama	To prepare for Component 1: Tuesdays after Easter
Wednesday	Media	Me1	Maths	Starting 22 nd Feb
			Art / Photography / Textiles	Ar1/ Ar2 / Ar5 / Ar6
Thursday	Media	Me1	History	Hi02
			EP	EP1 / EP2
			Business Studies	SF04 / SF05 Begins on the 20 th Feb
			Computer Science	IT1 From 23 rd Feb
Friday	Media Art / Photography / Textiles	Me1 Ar1/Ar2 / Ar5 / Ar6	EP	EP1 / EP2

Reminder about exams this year:

Contingency Dates – 28th June and exam timetables summer 2023

We are pleased to tell you that the Year 11 Revision Booklet with topic lists for every exam happening in the summer has now been given to all year 11 students, by their tutors. There is also a copy on the website. This can be found in the Year 11 Revision area, underneath at 'Academic' tab. If you scroll down, you will see a large banner which says 'Click here for the Revision Booklet'.

Two important reminders for the months to come: firstly, a reminder that study leave for year 11 students will begin on Monday 12th June. Secondly, the National Contingency Day is on Wednesday 28th of June. This is the day which exam boards will use to reschedule any exams which need to be moved due to any significant national event. It is vital that all students are available for this date, just in case, so please bear this in mind when considering any post-exam plans.

Finally, whilst students will receive personalised exam timetables just after Easter which will detail rooms and seats for every exam, attached to this letter is a generic timetable where you can see the dates and whether an exam is scheduled to happen in the morning or afternoon session, for all exams taking place at school this summer. We hope you find that helpful.

Spring term mock exams

From **Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st of March inclusive**, there is a second set of mock exams scheduled for English, maths and science. As in the December mocks, afternoon exams from the Wednesday to the Friday, will start at 2pm and so will extend beyond the end of the school day, especially for students who are taking triple science as

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exams are 1 hr and 45 minutes long. Please ensure your child has made arrangements for getting home on these days.

Prom

The Year 11 Prom will take place at Bournemouth Football Vitality Stadium on Wednesday 5th July 2023 from 7pm until 10.30pm. The behaviour and attendance expectations have been shared with students and parents, but please do ask if you have any queries/questions.

Just a reminder that Prom tickets can be purchased via Parent Pay for £28, which includes prom entry, food, a DJ and an awards ceremony. Parent Pay will close for this event on Friday 12th May. The tickets can then be collected from Mrs Allsopp's office on Friday 9th June, the last day for Year 11 students.

If you require some support in paying for the event (eg. you would like a gradual payment plan) or if you would like some support in finding an outfit for your child, please get in touch and we will do all we can to help.

Equally, if you have any additional suitable suits and dresses that you no longer require and would like to donate to another student, we would be very grateful to receive any donations at main school reception; we want as many of Year 11 as possible to be able to attend this event and, in the current cost of living crisis, we may all need to pull together to make sure that can happen. Thank you to those who have already donated, I hugely appreciate it.

Free School Meals Eligibility

Lastly, I am mindful that the last two years have been really challenging for families and circumstances may have changed during this time. Did you know that your child could be eligible for **free school meals**? Eligibility can be checked confidentially through the Government website. Please click on this [FSM link](#) to check your eligibility. Please also check if you are eligible for the uniform grant online. Please also be aware that the school now operates a 'New to You' uniform shop, please contact reception if you would like more information regarding this.

In closing, I wanted to say thank you for your continued partnership, myself and the tutor team really appreciate everything you do to support your child. I'd like to also extend a thank you to all of the parents and carers who have taken the time to email feedback, it's always very much appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch at all, if in need of support, my email address is at the end of this letter.

Wishing you and your families a restful and enjoyable Half Term.

Kind regards,

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