



Year 11 Newsletter

May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the third edition of the Year 11 newsletter, which includes important information about exam arrangements and expectations, returning resources to school, the Leavers' Assembly, Prom, work experience and results day. We've also enclosed an article from The Times about revision which you might find useful.

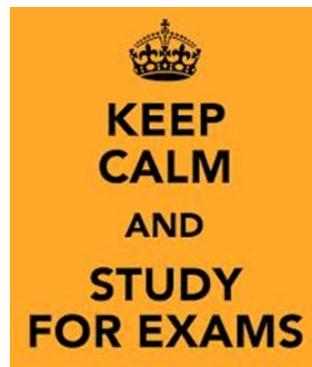
The exam season is now almost upon us and I would like to wish all of our students every success in the forthcoming exams and thank you for your continued support. Students should now be well on with their revision, using revision guides and other materials produced by their subject teachers. Information is also available on the school website to support students and yourselves at this important time.

I wish all students the very best of luck!

Ms E Brownlee (Head of Year 11)

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EXAMS and EXPECTATIONS

It is worth reminding students that certain expectations remain:

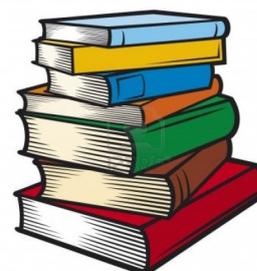
- ◇ Students must be in full school uniform for exams.
- ◇ Students must ensure that they are in their seats in good time. Seating plans will be displayed in the exams noticeboard near G4. Students should leave time to check the seating plan before the start of the exams as it is crucial all exams start on time. Students who are late for an exam may not be allowed in the exam hall.
- ◇ As part of the general equipment needed for exams, **candidates must use a black pen**. All students require their **own scientific calculator** and should be using these in lessons so they become familiar with how to use them before the exams. Scientific calculators are available to buy from the Maths Office at a discounted price of **£5.00**. Spares will be available in the exam hall but students may not know how to use that particular one, which will put them at a disadvantage. A list of equipment required for each exam is available on the Year 11 Revision Materials page of our website.
- ◇ Revision sessions will happen in some subject areas prior to the start of exams. Please check with your child that they are aware of when these are so that they are in school in good time to participate fully.

STUDY LEAVE

As in recent years there is **no official period of study leave for Year 11 students**. All students are expected to attend school as usual, including all of their lessons up to the point at which they have sat their last GCSE exam. As students complete courses they will be receiving additional revision lessons in the later examined subjects and revising in controlled conditions.

RETURNING RESOURCES to SCHOOL

Students must return all textbooks, revision guides and other materials (including locker keys) **by Friday 22 June**, using the return form enclosed with this newsletter (spares are available from Student Services and the school website). Please remind your child to do this as resources are needed for future students. Schools are facing increasing financial pressures so every resource matters! Failure to return school resources will result in students being invoiced for the cost.



LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

This year's Leavers' Assembly will take place on **Friday 22 June**. **Please see the enclosed letter with further details**. In order to help make arrangements with the bus companies to get students home, please complete and return the reply slip on the letter to Student Services before May half term.

YEAR 11 PROM

The Prom takes place on Friday 22 June at the Greenhill Hotel, Wigton from 6.00pm onwards. Most students, I am sure, are already well advanced with their preparations and will be looking forward to a glamorous evening.



YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE

Many of Year 11 will be doing a week of work experience after their exams and I hope that they find this useful. The time between finishing the last exam and starting their training or further education at 6th Form or college is one of the longest breaks students will experience. Ensuring that during that time they are evaluating their future options is something that their work experience will aid. With some exciting placements arranged I am sure the students will have some very thought provoking experiences.

COLLECTING EXAM RESULTS

Printouts of exam results will be available on **Thursday 23 August**. These may be collected in person from Main Reception from **8.00am onwards**. If anyone other than students will be collecting results, please notify the school office in writing **before results day**. If results are to be posted home, a stamped, addressed envelope should be handed in to the school office **before the end of term**.

Exam certificates will be available to collect from November 2018 but we will write to students to let them know exactly when they can collect them.

PUBLISHING EXAM RESULTS

Publishing exam results is a common and accepted practice. We will publish exam results in the local press ('The Cumberland News'). GCSE results will be published alphabetically, with the number of GCSEs taken next to the student name, and then the number of 9-4 grades in brackets. For example:



Forename Surname (10) (10) - *this student has sat 10 GCSEs and achieved 10 9-4 grades*

We may also publish standout exam results on the school website.

Because a school has a legitimate interest in publishing exam results, students or their parents/carers do not need to give their consent to publication. However, **a student or their parent/carers can object to their exam results being published and can contact school in writing to request that they are not published.**

APPLIED TO CALDEW 6TH FORM?

Students who have applied to Caldew 6th Form will shortly receive a letter confirming their place. We will be holding 6th Form Induction days, which will give students the chance to experience lessons in the subjects they've chosen. For information, these will take place on Monday 16 July and Tuesday 17 July (normal school hours).

It only remains for me to say that I wish the best of luck to every student at what is a very stressful time in a young person's life. It will soon be over and hopefully with some very successful outcomes for the future. This cohort of students have been a lovely year group and a real credit to both yourselves and the school. We will be sad to see them go although I am looking forward to seeing the majority of them when they return to study in our 6th Form.

I hope you all have a lovely summer and students enjoy a well earned rest. I look forward to seeing them in August to celebrate GCSE results.

Ms Jackson, Headteacher

