



Sir John Cass's Foundation and Red Coat CofE Secondary School & Sixth Form

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Year 11 Update October 2019

Dear Parents,

As we progress through the Autumn term, I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you with some key information and reminders for students in year 11. It was great to see so many of you at the Parent's Information Evening on 18th September and I hope that the advice given with regards to GCSE examinations, revision and preparation is proving to be useful.

Attendance and punctuality

Good attendance is firmly linked with academic success and as such it is expected that pupils maintain a high level of attendance. This is particularly important for year 11 students as we approach key examination periods. A reminder that in the first instance, if your child presents themselves to you as 'unwell' then please send them to school regardless. At school we have a full-time medical needs coordinator, Ms Anderson. If they continue to feel unwell Ms Anderson can assess them and we will call you should there be a need for them to go home. We strongly encourage students to take any medical and dental appointments outside of school hours so that vital learning opportunities are not missed.

The school day starts at 8.40am and as such students are expected to be in their form rooms for registration at this time. Students arriving after 8.40am are issued with a late detention the same day; this may lead to them missing crucial After School Tuition opportunities.

Year 11 November mock examinations

Mock exams will start on Monday 18th November and will cover all subjects. A timetable for the exams will be issued in due course.

Revision

All students have created a revision timetable and should now be following this programme at home on evenings and weekends. Your support in monitoring this crucial study is very much appreciated. Students have been provided with a GCP revision guide and a topic lists booklet to help them cover all content. We would like to reinforce the weekly parent signature in the student planner requirement as a confirmation that revision is taking place.

A revision 'Night Club' will soon operate between 4-5pm for students who show signs of not making required progress towards examinations and also those who would welcome a quiet and dedicated space to study in school at that time.

If you have concerns that your child is not completing at home revision or homework, we encourage you to get in touch with their form tutor or head of year so that we can offer support and address this issue.

Homework

Homework remains a key part of GCSE preparation and the expectation remains that students complete every piece to the best of their ability. Overleaf you can see the October Half Term homework set in all subjects. Sanctions will be given to those who do not complete it, we are grateful for your support in monitoring its completion.

Subject	Half Term Homework Set
English	Use revision resources grid to cover revision topics
Maths	Complete revision question booklet and do Eedi homework tasks
Science	Do past exam questions for B1, C1, P1 and C2 from Edexcel website
MFL	Complete Mind Maps booklet for writing / speaking topics
RE	Christianity, Islam and Philosophy revision guides to work through
History	Update knowledge organisers and attempt 1 of every type of the practice questions
Geography	Complete revision cards/material for all parts of topics 1,2,3,4 and 6 Complete revision booklets given out by teachers
Business Studies	Revision booklet with try now activities
Drama	Complete portfolio and work through revision booklet
Art and Design	D&T - Sample mock paper to complete
Computer Science	Collins 9-1 GCSE, Unit 1 and Unit 2 workbooks to work through
Psychology	Complete activities in revision booklet
Sociology	Create mind maps on topics set
Health and Social Care	Revision work booklet to complete
Media Studies	Music Video Websites tasks.
Film Studies	3 film booklets to complete
Music	Practise their instruments and use Google classroom resources Rhinegold OCR GCSE Music - Revision Guide, Study Guide, Tests
PE	'My revision notes' - AQA GCSE (9-1) PE 2 nd ed. (Hodder Education) CGP GCSE AQA PE for the grade 9-1 course 'The Revision Guide' Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) Physical Education Revision Guide (Pearson)

After School Tuition

After School Tuition sessions are running in all GCSE subjects and attendance is compulsory. A reminder of the timetable is shown below; this information can also be found on our school website along with subject specific information, resources and websites for revision and independent study.

AST (3-4pm)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	RE	Option 3	Staff meeting (Academic tutoring)	English	MFL
WEEK 2	Science	Option 2	Staff meeting (Academic tutoring)	Mathematics	Option 1

Finally, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support at this important time of your child's school career and I look forward to welcoming you to school for the **Year 11 Parent's Evening on 11th December 2019.**

Yours faithfully,

Samantha White
Acting Head of Year 11