



# Archbishop Ilesley Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to start by thanking you for sending your child back to school smartly dressed and in a very positive frame of mind. As a school we have been impressed with the start students in Year 11 have made and I am optimistic that we are on track for a very successful year.

Being a parent or carer of a student in Year 11 can be very stressful! Sometimes the adults are more worried than the students themselves and in this letter I will be outlining some of the support we are putting in place to make Year 11 as easy as possible for all of us. I will be looking after Year 11 this year and I am privileged to have been asked to oversee this cohort; your children are a fantastic group of young people and I am genuinely excited about the year ahead.

## FORM TUTORS

This year we have made significant changes to our vertical tutoring system and your child now has an English or Maths teacher as their form tutor. This will enable your child to have additional tuition in these subjects which are critical for your child's success.

## REWARDS AND SANCTIONS

The vast majority of students at Archbishop Ilesley work hard, are respectful and behave appropriately in their lessons. With so much work to do, we cannot afford for lessons to be disrupted due to poor behaviour. This year we are adopting a 'zero tolerance' approach to disruption in Year 11 lessons. If your child is disrupting the learning of other students, they will be removed from the lesson immediately by a senior member of staff. Should they continue to disrupt lessons they will also be placed into senior detention on Friday evenings and/or spend a day in the internal isolation room where they cannot spoil lessons for other students.

As well as applying sanctions I am keen to reward students who do well and put in maximum effort. Last year we monitored the effort of our Year 11 students and we will continue to do so this academic year. Once a term, students who have displayed consistently excellent effort will go into a draw for an afternoon out as a reward for their hard work.

## PROM

The Year 11 prom is a highlight of the academic year and plans are already in place for this event. However, no student in Year 11 currently has an invitation. The prom is not an entitlement; invitations will be issued to students who meet the criteria, which is currently being drafted by myself, Mr Simmons and the Heads of House. Good attendance, punctuality, consistent effort and positive behaviour will be key factors in deciding



whether a student is invited to the prom. I will write to you again with further information once all of the details have been confirmed.

## **TUTORING**

Your child is at the beginning of a very important year. With GCSE examinations less than 12 months away there is a great deal of worry and pressure for students and parents alike.

The timetable included in this newsletter outlines the free tuition sessions that are available for this term. There is a focus on coursework for this term as some subjects still have this element.

Your child will be informed by their subject teacher if they need to attend a tutoring session and attendance is compulsory; staff at Ilsley are extremely generous with their time and are offering these sessions free of charge. If any of you as parents or carers have investigated the cost of private tuition, you will know that it is extremely expensive yet staff at Ilsley are prepared to give up their free time at no cost.

A small number of students are involved in a tuition group with some of our sixth form students. These sessions take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and you will have been informed if your child is involved.

Should there be extenuating circumstances as to why your child cannot attend a tutoring session please contact your child's Head of House.

## **ACADEMIC TUTORIAL**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October there will be an academic tutorial day for year 11 students and parents/carers. Year 11 will only come into school on that day for their appointment with their tutor and it is my hope that all parents/carers will be able to accompany their child to their appointment. Your child's progress, attitude to learning and general demeanour will be discussed at this appointment and a copy of the mock examination timetable for December will also be released. More information will follow in a separate letter nearer the time.

## **KEY DATES**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – academic tutorial (Y11 students only in school for appointment with tutor)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – mock exams (students in school, no study leave)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Y11 results/subject evening

There is no doubt that this will be a very busy and at times, stressful year for your child. As a school we have put lots of support in place and as ever, we are grateful for the support from you as parents/carers.

If you have any concerns about your child please contact the form tutor in the first instance.

Finally, please congratulate your child on a very positive start to year 11. The staff have been very impressed with the maturity and commitment shown by the vast majority of the students. I hope that we are all able to celebrate a year of success in August 2018

Yours truly,

Miss H.Burrows  
Assistant Headteacher

Y11 AFTER SCHOOL TUITION TIMETABLE

DATE	PRIORITY SUBJECT	PRIORITY 2 SUBJECT	PRIORITY 3 EXAM SUBJECT
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	DT	ART/MUSIC	HUMANITIES
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	VOC ED	MEDIA	SCIENCE
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	A BAND: MATHS B BAND: ENGLISH		
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	MEDIA	VOC ED	RS
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	ART/MUSIC	DT	MFL/P.E.
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	A BAND: ENGLISH B BAND: MATHS		
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	DT	ART/MUSIC	HUMANITIES
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	VOC ED	MEDIA	SCIENCE
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	A BAND: ENGLISH B BAND: MATHS		
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	MEDIA	VOC ED	RS
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	ART/MUSIC	DT	MFL/P.E.
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	NO SESSION – Y11 ACADEMIC TUTORIALS		
	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	DT	ART/MUSIC	HUMANITIES
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	VOC ED	MEDIA	SCIENCE
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	A BAND: MATHS B BAND: ENGLISH		

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	MEDIA	VOC ED	RS
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	ART/MUSIC	DT	MFL/P.E.
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	NO SESSION – NEXT STEPS EVENING		
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	DT	ART/MUSIC	HUMANITIES
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	VOC ED	MEDIA	SCIENCE
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	A BAND: ENGLISH B BAND: MATHS		
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	MEDIA	VOC ED	RS
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	ART/MUSIC	DT	MFL/P.E.
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	A BAND: MATHS B BAND: ENGLISH		
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	DT	ART/MUSIC	HUMANITIES
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	VOC ED	MEDIA	SCIENCE
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	A BAND: ENGLISH B BAND: MATHS	Some students will be in the art exam	