

21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

### **Year 11 October Trials – 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Our first round of Year 11 trial exams will begin on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils will be issued with an individual timetable and the overview will also be published on the school website: <https://www.dewarenne.org.uk/exams>

We will use the results to inform ability groups for maths, English and science and also to decide where to place intervention. Every week we have a Year 11 standards meeting called a RAG when we discuss each pupil in detail and decide what to do to maximise their potential. We will be allocating pupils to our 121 tutors Mrs Niessen (English) and Mr Harrison & Mr Lane (maths) and changing our intervention groups based on these results. It is important that pupils prepare properly for these trials; as you saw this summer, performance throughout the year will be taken into account should we have to produce centre-assessed grades in future.

### **Year 11 Pie Night – 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Just before the trials begin we will be holding our famous Pie Night. This year we will only be able to invite pupils due to restrictions on gatherings. Pie Night will be held at 3.30pm straight after intervention. Pupils will be able to gather revision resources, talk to their teachers about their progress, talk to colleges and further education providers about life after De Warenne, get some careers advice and – most importantly – have some pie before they leave. This event is always well attended and gets Year 11 off to a flying start, by making sure the pupils have everything they need to succeed this year.

### **Year 11 Rewards Event – 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

If you follow us on Twitter @DeltaDeWarenne you will have seen the launch of our first Year 11 rewards event. Obviously, we are still in the midst of a pandemic and we must be careful not to compromise the safety of staff or pupils. However, for Year 11, I think they deserve something to look forward to!

I have been hugely impressed with the whole year group since 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Their attitude to learning is fantastic. As a result, we are fully expecting that the whole year group will want to be involved in our first event. This is within guidelines as they are a bubble of 150 pupils, which is well within the national guidance of 240 maximum and we can still run events in school.

We will be running the event on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 1.30pm. Pupils usually have PE or intervention at this time. The usual timetable will run for anyone who is not invited to the event or does not want to join in.

Pupils who earn a "Delta Dollar" and want to take part will be able to get changed after lunch into their own clothes. These should be comfortable such as leggings or tracksuit bottoms plus t-shirts or sweatshirts. If they want to, pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a giant inflatable assault course. This will be used by two pupils at a time following handwashing. The company have guidance about the safety of their equipment in relation to Covid-19 here: <https://www.creamcastles.co.uk/news/2020-08-01/covid-19-hire-policy>

Obviously, we will not run this activity unless we are sure we can do so safely and if pupils do not want to take part in the assault course there are plenty of other treats planned.

We will run the event in the sports hall and there will be a candyfloss stall, hotdogs, fizzy drinks and a DJ. Pupils can sit in their friendship groups and enjoy the end of a busy half term. There should be plenty of space. There are changing rooms, toilets and handwashing facilities in PE and there are sanitizer stations.

I fully understand if you do not feel it safe enough for your child to take part in all the activities. However, I hope you will understand that we are trying to restore a little bit of fun and normality into a very stressful year. Please get in touch if you have any useful suggestions and return the reply slip below to Student Services to give permission for your child to take part.

Kind regards

**Mrs A Rooney**  
**Principal**

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**Please return this completed reply slip to Student Services by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.**

I agree for my child to take part in the Y11 Rewards day event including the giant inflatable assault course.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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