

26th November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

Year 11 Newsletter

Year 11 have made a fantastic start to their final year at De Warenne since their return to the academy on September 2nd. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the amazing activities and events that have taken place this term and let you know about our future plans. I would also like to let you know how proud we are of how well they adjusted to wearing masks and working in their own bubble. They are exceptional role models to the rest of the academy and continuously demonstrate outstanding attitudes to learning and engagement in lessons.

After School Enrichment

In September we asked your child to attend school until 15:30 each day for an enrichment session to catch up on lost learning. It is great to see the Year 11 bubble full every afternoon with pupils working hard in all subjects. I am very grateful to our teaching staff for making this possible and for your support.

Y11 INTERVENTION	
 Revision www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize www.gcsepod.com https://hegartymaths.com	Monday Science X Band English Y Band
	Tuesday X band - Maths, English, Science rotation Y band - Director Geography, History, Maths or PE
	Wednesday English X Band Maths Y Band
	Thursday Options, Geography, History French
	Friday Maths X Band or PE Science Y Band or PE

Pie Night

On Thursday 1st October we held our annual Pie Night. Due to restrictions on gatherings only pupils were able to attend but the event was a great success. Every pupil in the year group came straight after enrichment and was able to take home revision resources and discuss their progress with their teachers. There were colleges and further education providers there who were able to offer advice about next steps and future careers. The pupils enjoyed the pie and peas too!

October trial examinations

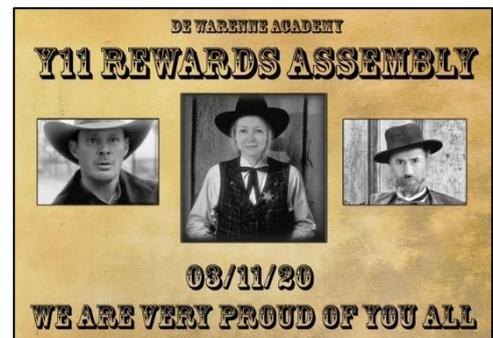
Our first round of Year 11 trial examinations took place on Monday 5th October and pupils sat exams in English, maths and science. The results were very encouraging and we were proud to share the results with Year 11 in the bubble. Mrs. Rooney delivered our first ever live virtual Y11 rewards assembly on 3rd November and we celebrated many great achievements.

121 Tuition

We used the trial results to decide where to place intervention. Intervention has included 121 tuition with Mrs Nielssen (English) and Mr Harrison & Mr Lane (maths). Since September, 80 pupils have received online after school 121 tuition. We eventually hope to provide 121 tuition sessions to all Year 11 pupils at some point during the year so I would be grateful if you could give consent to your child receiving online tuition in the near future using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/y5wkqwjz>

Delta Dollar and rewards afternoon

Throughout the first half of the term we used an America West theme to promote success and engage the pupils. A series of wanted posters were created with Mrs Rooney and the SLT superimposed onto black and white photos from the era. Year 11 were able to earn a "Delta Dollar" which enabled them to attend a rewards event which took place on Friday 23rd October. Hot dogs and candy floss were provided and everyone enjoyed the well-deserved event, especially the giant inflatable assault course!



Home Learning

Year 11 pupils who must self-isolate are expected to 'dial in' to their timetabled lessons on Teams. This has been very successful as pupils are able to study at home and not miss out. Our teaching staff and pupils have adapted well to this new technology and we are proud that learning continues. Year 11 pupils are also engaging well with Hegarty Maths <https://hegartymaths.com/> and GCSEPod <https://www.gcsepod.com/> . Please could you encourage your child to use the online learning packages as much as possible. We have seen pupils improve by up to 3 grades using them over the course of Year 11.

Careers advice and guidance

We continue to work in partnership with CareersInc who offer expert advice and guidance on next steps and life after De Warenne. All pupils in Year 11 have a careers interview with CareersInc to help them decide on their Post 16 options. Since the beginning of term, 72 pupils have had an initial interview, 29 a second interview and 3 a third. If your child would like a careers interview then they should discuss this with Mr Brown (Year 11 Learning Manager) who will arrange it.

Tutor time

In order to ensure Year 11 pupils are fully equipped to deal with the ever-changing world we have introduced tutor time lessons on RSE (relationships and sex education), Fundamental British Values, Citizenship, PSHE (personal, social, health and economic education and RS (religious studies). This term, Year 11 have already learnt about testicular and breast cancer, racism and democracy, savings accounts, budgeting and mental health, information about the six 6 main religions of the world and started further education applications.

December trial examinations

Our second round of Year 11 trials will begin on Monday 30th November and finish on Wednesday 9th December. Pupils have been issued with an individual timetable and the overview can also be found on the academy 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. As with previous trial examinations It is important that pupils prepare properly; as you saw this summer, performance throughout the year will be considered should we have to produce centre-assessed grades in future.



A Christmas Carol and Fezziwig's Party

With the festive season fast approaching, we are very pleased to welcome ManActCo back into the academy on Wednesday 9th December who will be performing Dickens' A Christmas Carol live in the auditorium as this is one of the key texts studied in English Literature. We were very excited to promote our 12 Days of Christmas Challenge this week. The challenge will start on December 1st and over 12 days pupils will be expected to participate in a variety of challenges to earn a place at 'Fezziwig's Christmas Party'. The party will take place on Thursday 17th December and music, food and other treats will be provided so that Year 11 can be rewarded for their outstanding effort this term.



I hope you have enjoyed reading about what a busy term it has been. I would like to thank you for your continued support and to wish you a restful and happy Christmas break.

Mr J Spencer
Vice Principal
Senior Leadership Team Lead for Year 11