



Our ref: ccn/wda

19th October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to say we have had a successful first term and congratulate year 11 students on their hard work so far. In order to keep you informed I would like to bring the following items to your attention:

Inset Days

For the past couple of years we have requested that Year 11 students attend the Academy on some of our Inset days. This is to provide additional specific examination support. The Inset days which have been chosen for Year 11s to attend this academic year are:

Friday 10th November 2017

Friday 9th February 2018

Monday 19th February 2018

We will expect all students to attend in full school uniform. The dining hall will be open as usual. A timetable of lessons will be provided.

Revision Guides

These are available to purchase online via our Parentpay system. If you do not have internet access payment can be made via the upper school office. Please find attached a list of revision guides available.

Mock exams – Monday 13th November 2017

Students will be issued with their mock examination timetables during the first week back of the October break.

Period 6 Lessons (Monday & Tuesday)

These lessons are renewed each term to ensure we have the right match for the student.

Attendance & Behaviour

We will be holding a reward party tomorrow (Friday 20th October) for those students who have had excellent behaviour and attendance this term. There will be a reward party at the end of each term so if your daughter has not met the criteria for this term's reward, there will be another opportunity



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to attend. I am pleased to let you know that Year 11 is currently 2nd on the Academy's attendance leaderboard. Keep up the good work!

UCAS Applications

These are underway and should be finalised before Christmas. We are currently working on the personal statement. Once all post 16 open evenings are over we would expect students to rank their choices. Ark 6th form are holding open mornings on 6th-8th November and their open evening on 9th November 2017.

Ark Helenswood Website

We are currently working on having a section on our website which will be dedicated for year 11. It has been started but is work in progress. Watch this space!

<http://arkhelenswood.org/curriculum/year-11>

Revision – GCSE examinations

We will be holding revision sessions during February, April and May breaks. Details will be sent nearer the time. Year 11 students have handed in a revision timetable for their GCSE exams. We will be working with them on this and will send you the final copy after the October break.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

This will be held on Thursday 11th January 2017 from 4pm-7pm.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Connor
Vice Principal