# Year 11 Newsletter



## Dear Year 11 parents and carers

*Class of 2024* '10 weeks to make a difference'

At Meadow Park School we take the progress of our Year 11 students very seriously. We want ALL of our students to achieve the best grades possible so that they are able to compete with students from across the city for sixth form and college places.

The first set of mock exams are 10 weeks away so Year 11 students have 10 weeks to make a difference and improve on their Year 10 exam grades.

One of my roles within school is to support Year 11 to meet their targets and achieve the best grades possible. As part of this role, here are some of the things that I will make sure that Year 11 have to support them to achieve the best grades possible:

- Quality teaching
- Regular focus on target grades and how to reach them
- After-school intervention
- Support and help to ensure that revision is effective
- Raising aspirations with high quality careers advice
- Individual plan for achieving targets and next steps
- Regular assemblies the first one is on Friday 22nd September.
- External speakers and workshops

Please ask your child about what they are doing in school, remind them that they have homework and revision to do and support them to achieve the very best grades that they can.

If you have any questions please speak to your child's tutor or their subject teacher in the first instance.

#### Key dates for Year 11

- 25th September guest speaker
- 25th September interventions and mentoring start for key groups
- **9<sup>th</sup> October** Key Stage 4 information evening
- October half term Mon 30<sup>th</sup>
  Oct Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov
- 27<sup>th</sup> November- mock exams start
- November practical exams in art, food, performing arts and design technology
- **30**<sup>th</sup> **November** Sixth Form Open Evening



*Kind regards,* Mrs K Secker (Assistant Headteacher)

### Nurturing Excellence, Growing Aspiration, Thriving Together



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## Making revision effective

During tutor time, Year 11 students have been learning about different things that they can do to help the knowledge that they need for exams to stick in their brain.

Some of the revision skills that they have been learning about are here. Ask your child about them or, even better, encourage them to create a mind map or some flashcards about a topic they are learning about. The things that they are learning about this term will form part of the mock exams.

### Skill

Creating mind maps

Creating flash cards

Quizzing

Rewriting notes

Doing past paper questions: with notes

Doing past paper questions: without notes

Using a revision guide effectively

Reading/ using example responses effectively

Other (please specify)

### **Prepare to Perform**

Good exam performance isn't just about effective revision. Your child will need to be in control of other things to make sure that they do their best. Their health and well-being are the most important things. Here are three things that they can do to help them to perform at their best in exams and in lessons.



#### Feed & water regularly Like a car, if you run out of petrol you're not going to get very far. A fed and watered revision brain, is a happy efficient revision brain revving its highly tuned engine!



Don't just input, check what you know. You can do this with friends, family, or on your own. Testing is a great way of combating those nerves by confirming what you know, and filling in the gaps!



It's the night before the exam. Now you've done all that work it's time to give your brain a rest, so you're in tip top condition for sitting that exam. Good luck!



