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Dear

Over halfway through this half-term – doesn't time fly! A very important few weeks for Year 11, with Post 16 open days, applications, Mock exams and coursework deadlines! It's a busy year!

Period 6 sessions

Year 11 had a positive start to Period 6 sessions – but there is room for improvement! Every hour they revise in school is an hour that they don't have to do at home! They run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from 3.15 until 4.15pm. Attendance at these sessions is expected of all Year 11 students.

Subject evenings

Invitations to make appointments have been sent out for the Yr11 Subject Evening on the 10th of October – this is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Bookings are available via SchoolCloud.

Our Academy Careers Adviser, Miss Boreham will also be available to see on the day between 4.30pm and 7.00pm to discuss post 16 opportunities. If you would like to book a time slot, you can do this through the parents evening portal (details can be found [here](#)). If you have any queries, please contact Miss Boreham: hboreham@ormistonsudbury.co.uk

Go4Schools

Via the Go4Schools app (or website) you will be able to see your child's current grade, attendance and behaviour points – please use the link below to create an account. [Schools - Sign in - GO Authentication \(go4schools.com\)](#)

Mock exams

These will run in the week commencing the 4th of November. It is a formal examination procedure and will provide us with the information needed to teach the students in the final few months. It will also be able to be used for college interviews and Projected grades. Please make sure that your son/daughter has all the equipment needed for these exams.

GCSEPod

An introduction to GCSEPod – a revision app we use in the academy. Each year the highest user of GCSEPod is our highest attainer! Each student has a login, please encourage them to use for 30 minutes a day! [GCSE Learning and Revision | GCSEPod](#)

Attendance

Attendance is always important – never more so than in Yr11. Studies show that attendance under 90% will cost students a grade in each subject at GCSE. Please encourage your child to attend, and to catch up on any work missed through absence. Your child's attendance can be checked via Go4Schools.



Artsmark
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Year 11 Assemblies

Post 16 assemblies are held at the academy (for students) before the college/6th Form open events. Applications are due by the end of the calendar year. We urge you to go and have a look around the Post16 provisions and discuss the courses available.

Monday 30 Sept – One Sixth Form College
Monday 7 Oct - Colchester Institute
Monday 14 October - West Suffolk College
Monday 21 October - Suffolk New College
Monday 4 November – Hedingham Sixth Form
Monday 11 Nov – Thomas Gainsborough School

Suffolk County Council have provided a guide to help parents and carers support their young person with options after year 11.

[options-after-year-11-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-september-2023 \(suffolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/parents-carers/young-persons/education/11-16/11-16-education-options)

Career Guidance/Next Steps meetings

Our Academy Careers Adviser Miss Boreham will be arranging meetings with all Year 11 students to help support them with their career journeys and their next steps onto Further Education or Apprenticeships. If you would like to attend a meeting with your child/young person, please email hboreham@ormstionsudbury.co.uk

Yours sincerely



Mr D Howkins – Vice Principal



Mr N Bloom – Head of Year 11