



### Christmas 2017 Newsletter

**Attendance this year: 94.65%**

Dear Year 11 Students

It is that time of year when the longest term finally comes to an end. After a gruelling 16 weeks, with many challenges, we all get the chance to have two weeks at home over the festive period.

The first item myself and the team want to congratulate you all on is your attendance. I said at the start of the year that it was vital that you are in school, every day, to make the most of Y11. Our attendance this term is significantly higher than this time last year, and shows how the vast majority make that special effort to be in, even when full of coughs and colds and other ailments. With a bit more effort we'll hit the target of 95% before long. Below is how each tutor group has done this year so far:

11B: 94.12%	11E: 94.65%
11R: 95.76%	<b>11N: 96.64%</b>
11A: 94.22%	11H: 95.52%
11K: 94.99%	

We have seen a huge number of positives this year. There have been outstanding performances in sport in football, badminton, and netball (amongst others!). Several students have been ambassadors for the PE department, receiving high praise from the organisers for the way they interacted with younger students. The art show towards the start of the year highlighted students' enormous creative potential with some brilliant pieces. This is in addition to truly brilliant performances in the music and dance shows also. However, for me as I write this, the most pleasing thing is seeing so many of you just getting your head down and working hard. This is such a tough time for you all, but such a huge majority have batted down the hatches and persisted in trying your hardest. These people may not always be the ones who "stand out", but they are the people who give our year group such an outstanding reputation.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the primary function of this year; passing exams. The two-week PPE period was very taxing on everyone, but of course mostly on you, the students. Whilst we are still collecting and digesting these results, I want to reiterate what I have said to my Y11 classes recently. Whilst these exams are important for teachers in understanding where you are, they do not define what will happen next year. The most important thing for you is to understand what you can do to improve. Ultimately, not everything goes right 100% of the time- as long as you work hard to improve you will do yourself justice in the coming months.

Over this festive period, remind yourself of Mr Hartley's recent assembly about Christmas meaning different things to different people. For most of us, this means spending time with the people we care about. However, you choose to spend this two away from school, make sure you get some rest, catch up with family, and get ready for the many challenges facing you in 2018. As ever, the whole Y11 team is behind you, ready to support you when the weight comes a bit too much.

We wish you the very best over Christmas time and look forward to seeing you in 2018.

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## **Important Notices**

### **Parent's Evening- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

Please make sure that this date is in your diary. This is hands down the most important parent's evening that we have ever had, and we want attendance to be close to 100%. There is no substitute for being with your parent/carer and having your teacher clearly explain what you can do to make those small improvements, which can make a big difference!

### **PPE2- March**

No sooner as we finish one set of PPEs, another one is on the horizon! Make sure you start to think about what you will need to revise. Remember, revision you do **now** is preparation for your exams next summer.

### **Student Support Programme**

After Christmas study support will begin in earnest. These sessions are manned by staff who are willingly giving up their time and, given how much content there is in the new specifications, we recommend attending every one that you can. The programme will be communicated to you soon.

### **Christmas Homework**

Whilst we do want you to rest and recover over the holidays, it is important not to totally neglect your studies. Therefore, we have kindly provided you with plenty of work to keep you busy! Individual subjects will send this to you, and hard copies will be provide. Mr Gibson has sent a letter to all parents and students explaining what is required. At the bottom of this newsletter is a planner that Mrs Duddy has devised to help you organise your time!

### **Who to contact in January**

Mr Benson will be away for part of January on paternity leave. If you have any problems then please contact a tutor, Mrs Duddy, Mr Beukes or Mr Gibson.

### **Prom!**

A reminder that Prom deposits are due in by 8<sup>th</sup> January. We have secured Easthampstead Park Conference Centre for Prom this year which is a great venue to say goodbye to Y11- make sure you get your deposits in so you don't miss out. Any questions then speak to a member of PromComm or see Mrs Duddy.

## Positives

**Miss Willimott:** 11B Health and Social Care class were brilliant for their option day on Monday. They were all really engaged and focused for the whole day. Well done!

**Mr Benson:** Well done to 11A and 11C history who have kept going all the way to the end and have covered a massive amount of content this year so far.

**Mr Hartley:** Great work from so many students on options day Kai Meggison really impressed me. Jacob Townsend really engaged all day and Maddie Roake worked really hard on her examination answers.

**Mrs Higham:** Today was amazing. 3 high skill dishes cooked. Prepared, cooked and cleaned up to a very high level . Well done guys.

**Mr Radcliffe:** The following are making the expected progress with use of Tassomai, a massive well done to them! The order of this list is highest to lowest so well done Vittorio!!

Vittorio	Onyenezide
Chloe	Hawkins
Earl	Talavera
Karl	Talavera
Finn	Surman
Roxie	Sherratt
Asha	Munissi
Katie	Currie
Charlie	Wooden
Julia	Morawiec

Daniel	Limbu
Ellie	Coakley
James	Maryon
Brandon	Payne
Amy	Douthwaite
Lewis	Prichard
Agustin	Mancini

Rohan	Gurung
Jake	Tippett
Danielle	Rabulan
Yousuf	Mohammed

**Mrs Howes:** David Dogarel is working hard in Maths and making excellent progress. Sarah Eastman has a positive attitude toward the subject, responds politely and makes an effort to contribute to the lesson. Joseph Saull always works to his best ability in class, good written work and standard.

**Mr Tattershall:** Jake T, Beth S and Jasmine W in my science class are always working well and showing a great attitude to lessons :)

**Mrs Raby:** Drama Positives - everyone is working incredibly hard and I could pick almost the whole class but these are the stand out positives;

Kaitlyn Buchler - Incredibly dedicated and hardworking in lesson and afterschool.

Amy Douthwaite - works hard, practical and written work in excellent

Hollie Jones - mature and hardworking student

Courtney Little - hardworking student in lessons and school show

Danielle Rabulan - excellent written and practical work

Amy Stanborough - hardworking in lessons, striving to improve

**Mr Bell:** Here are a few for Business Studies:

Charlie Wooden - Trying hard in business and always trying to answer questions

Ayanna Ilagan - Focusing in lessons and completing all work set.

Tyron Klue - Trying his best in lessons and working to the best of his ability.

**Mr Swynford Lain:** Mark Reyes is absolutely nailing the physics at the moment.

**Miss Rushby:** Special mention to Claudia Periquito who helped out at the year 7 football tournament on Wednesday at Bohunt School. Not only supporting the girls with tactical advice but also refereeing the games to a high standard. Teachers from the other schools at the tournament commented on how professional Claudia was in her role as ref.

**PE Department:** Well done to the Boys Football team for getting so far in the cup.

**Mr Swynford Lain:** Here are the top twenty Tassomai users based on questions answered in the last 7 days. Well done to everyone.

Sam Bakinowski  
Bradley Sansum  
David Dogarel  
Ellie Coakley  
Danielle Rabulan  
Val Tilling  
Megan White  
Jasmine Weare  
Lotti Sadapchit  
Ashleigh Brown  
Liv Humphery  
Joseph Saull  
Ayanna Ilagan  
Beth Stokes  
Prasamsa Aryal  
Lydia Drakou  
Rohan Gurung  
Vittorio Onyenezide  
Arslan Mehmood

**Mr Duffy:** Just a quick note to say how impressed I was with the whole of the 11B engineering group P4 today - It was like how a perfect school would be! They all worked incredibly hard to get the work they were doing completed to the best possible standard, when someone was stuck they just helped each other, and Ollie Lloyd and Arslan even stayed in voluntarily at lunch just to finish a bit that they were struggling with.

## KEY EVENTS – w/c Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

	Tutor Programme and daily events	BTEC and GCSE Exams	Sports fixtures
<b>Monday</b>	<i>*Assembly with Ms Coley*</i>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Planner/Equipment Check</b> <b>Attendance Conversations</b> <b>Careers and Curriculum in the ICT rooms</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>*No Assembly today!*</i>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Careers and Curriculum in the ICT rooms</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>House News Quiz</b>		

### Lunchtime and Period 6 detentions

Lunchtime detentions for lateness and uniform in M13/M14

Students on Period 6 to go to C15 with Mrs Duddy and Mr Benson from after school till 3:30pm

### Key Dates:

Date	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Return to school
8 <sup>th</sup> January	PPE Results Day
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 HSC BTEC Exam 9.00 -10.00am Conference Room
10 <sup>th</sup> January	PSHE

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# PE EXTRA CURRICULAR

MONDAYS - STAFF MEETINGS

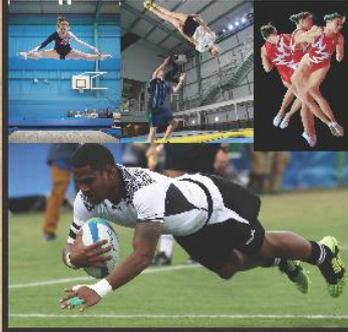
**TUESDAY**  
CROSS COUNTRY/FITNESS- ALL YEARS - EJA  
RUGBY - YEARS 9+10 - JBO+MKI  
NETBALL - ALL YEARS - LWI +LRU



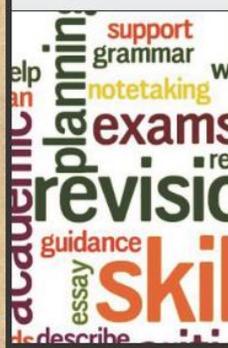
**WEDNESDAY**  
BADMINTON - ALL YEARS - LRU  
FOOTBALL (INVITE ONLY YEAR 10+11) - WYE +EJA



**THURSDAY**  
TRAMPOLINING - ALL YEARS - JBO + LWI  
RUGBY - YEAR 7 + 8 - RBE + WYE



**FRIDAY**  
GCSE REVISION  
BTEC CATCH UP  
YEAR 10 +11



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## Brakenhale Music Extra Curricular Timetable



	Break	Lunch	After School 3:05 - 4:05
<b>Monday</b>	Music Homework - For any Music homework you've been set! LS1 (Mr Duffy's room) 	Keyboard Group - Come and join a group based on keyboards! M01 (Mrs Hope's room) 	GCSE Music Theory group - Develop your music theory knowledge to achieve better grades in your exam. M01 (Mrs Hope's room)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Band Workshop - Work to develop your band's set! LS1 (Mr Duffy's Room) 	Pop Choir - If you like singing join the choir to sing some popular music songs. M01 (Mrs Hope's room) 	Jazz Band - Brakenhale's very own Jazz band! LS1 (Mr Duffy's room) 
<b>Wednesday</b>	LS1, LS2 and practice rooms open to book for practice. (Mr Duffy's Room) 	Guitar/Ukulele group - Develop your guitar/uke skills as part of a group. LS1 (Mr Duffy's room) 	Brakenhale's Musical Theatre group - Learn and practice the pieces of music required for our Musical! Coming soon... 
<b>Thursday</b>	Music Homework - For any Music homework you've been set! LS1 (Mr Duffy's room) 	Brakenhale's Musical Theatre group - Learn and practice the pieces of music required for our Musical! Coming soon... 	Function Band - Learn and develop the skills and repertoire to be in a Function Band. Invitation only... LS1 (Mr Duffy's room) 
<b>Friday</b>	LS1, LS2 and practice rooms open to book for practice. (Mr Duffy's Room) 	Band Workshop - Work to develop your band's set! LS1 (Mr Duffy's Room) 	



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## *Christmas Planner!*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11	12	13	14	15 HALF DAY FROM SCHOOL!!!!	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>  
25 <b>Christmas Day</b>  	26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>  
01 <b>New Year's Day</b>  	02	03 RETURN TO SCHOOL: 08:40	04	05	06	07