



Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A rather belated 'Happy New Year' and here is our first newsletter of the new term.

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- **Year 11 Mock Exams**

As our Class of 2023 begin the final push towards live exams which begin in May, they are today completing a week of mock examinations to ensure that they have experience of the exams process and to help them identify which areas of learning they need to focus their revision on. To support Year 11 further, we have also planned a day off site at Clarendon College on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February to deliver some study skills, revision and wellbeing sessions in preparation for the next few months of hard work.

Important: official **statements of entry** will be issued next week to all Year 11 students detailing which courses your child has been entered for. These need to be checked for accuracy and signed by parents/carers and **returned by Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that some Year 10 pupils will also receive a statement of entry if they are undertaking a course with formal assessments or coursework taking place this year.

Results of all mock exams will be issued to pupils on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February prior to **Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**.

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- **Science Resources**

Our fabulous Science Department now have a website up and running and available to all KS3 students (KS4 will follow). They can find it as a button on their RealSmart home page in the 'Other apps' section. There are all kinds of resources to support study, homework and revision and more will be added over time.

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- **Sports Bulletin**

Sale Sharks Rugby Union Club are currently in school on Tuesdays delivering coaching after school. This is open to Year 9 and 10 boys and girls and is a fantastic opportunity to work with coaches from one of the best Rugby Clubs in the Country! New recruits are very welcome.

Boys' Football Results:

Huge congratulations to the year 9 football team for reaching the semi-finals of the Tameside Cup. They beat Rayner Stephens 9 - 1 in a fantastic game this week.

Y7 League: Hyde 23 - 4 Copley (6-a-side round robin tournament)

**Sports Fixtures Next Week:**

Thursday: Tameside Y8/9 Basketball League at Alder



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- **National Strike Action in schools**

As I'm sure many parents are aware, the National Education Union has notified schools of planned strike action on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February and, potentially, 3 further dates this term (28<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March). I am currently unable to predict the impact that this will have on our school but I will communicate with parents and carers throughout this period as best I can and as soon as I can. To this end, please ensure that the contact details that we hold for you are up to date.

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- **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day (school is closed to pupils)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Year 11 study skills day at Clarendon College

- School breaks up for half term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – school reopens after half term

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – school breaks up for the Easter holiday

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – school reopens for the summer term

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- **Student Leadership Team**

Applications are now open for Year 10 students to join the Senior Student Leadership Team. Our new recruits will work together supporting our current Year 11 leaders before taking over in the summer term when we will say goodbye to this year's brilliant Year 11 team. Year 10s should check their emails for more information and their application form. **Deadline to apply is Friday 3rd February.**



Wishing all of our pupils and families a lovely weekend and a healthy and happy 2023.

Best wishes,

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