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Dear Parents/Carers

It was fantastic to see so many parents and students on the school site this week for our Sixth Form Open Event. We hope you and your child found this valuable in understanding the potential next stages in their education.

This letter outlines some of the key events taking place for Year 11 students throughout term 2.

Year 11 Success Together Event – Wednesday 9 November (5.30pm – 6.30pm)

On Wednesday 9 November we would like to welcome you to our first Year 11 Success Together Event. This will be presented on the school site from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. This is an important evening where several senior staff will cover the following:

- Outline the structure of the remaining school year, including key dates, leading up to final examinations starting in May
- Describe the support available to students in preparation for their exams. Study advice will be provided by our Core Subject Leaders (English, maths and science)
- Guest speaker Nathan McGurl from *'The Study Buddy'* will share the work he has, and will, carry out with students to support effective study skills

We would encourage parents/carers to bring their child with them to this event. To book tickets and confirm attendance please sign up using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-11-success-together-curriculum-information-event-tickets-445083525807>

For those unable to attend a summarised version of this information will be available on the school website.

Year 11 Mock Examinations – Friday 18 November to Friday 25 November

Students will complete their first set of mock examinations in mid-November. These will be sat under full exam conditions and students will be provided with all the arrangements they would expect to receive during the final summer series.

These exams are designed to give students the experience of sitting exams under timed conditions and provide an opportunity for them to show their subject level understanding to date.

A copy of the full timetable can be found at the end of this letter with personalised timetables to follow during the first week of term 2.

Year 11 Full Written Reports

All parents/carers have been sent a copy of their child's full written report this week. These contain targets and subject specific comments that are designed to provide guidance for the upcoming mock exams. Please read this report carefully and discuss any subject actions with your child.



Mock Revision and Resources

October half term represents the ideal opportunity to begin getting organised and started with revision. Below is a list of revision resources available to students and how to access them.

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| Study Buddy | <p>All students have been provided with a pad of A3 revision timetables and a set of bespoke revision stickers to aid their planning. Students have received training on how to create and review their own revision timetable.</p> <p>More information on this process can be viewed on the following link: (GCSE Revision Planning and Home Study Made Simple). Nathan McGurl who runs the Study Buddy programme will present to parents at our Success Together Event.</p> |
| Seneca Learning | <p>Year 11 students have premium account access at Seneca Learning. They should sign in by clicking 'continue with Microsoft' and use their school Office 365 credentials. Seneca is an ideal online tool for getting started with revision.</p> |
| Microsoft Teams | <p>A Microsoft Team has been created with a range of resources for all subjects. Students can access this team and resources by clicking the following link: BFS Year 11 (22-23)</p> |
| Class Charts | <p>Your child's subject teachers have set revision tasks and resources specific to their teaching groups via Class Charts. Do encourage your child to check and complete any structured revision set.</p> |

We hope you find the information in this letter useful in guiding your child towards their mock exams and beyond. Staff at BFS wish you all a restful half term break and look forward to seeing you during term 2.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Fernandes
Deputy Headteacher

Year 11 Mock Exams Timetable – November 2022

| Day | DATE | AM/ PM | Option block | SUBJECT | DURATION |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Friday | 18-Nov | AM | GCSE | English Language Paper 2 | 2h 5 m |
| | | PM | OPTION D | Geography | 1h |
| | | | | PE Paper 1 | 1h 15m |
| | | | | History Paper 3 | 1h 20m |
| | | | | Spanish (Listen & Reading) F | 1h 20m |
| | | | | Spanish (Listen & Reading) H | 1h 45m |
| | | | | Business Studies | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Design & Technology | 2h |
| BTEC H&S Comp 3 | 2h | | | | |
| Monday 21 November | | | | | |
| Monday | 21-Nov | AM | GCSE | English Literature Paper 2 | 2h 15m |
| | | PM | OPTION B | Geography | 1h |
| | | | | History Paper 3 | 1h 20m |
| | | | | Spanish (Listen & Reading) F | 1h 20m |
| | | | | Spanish (Listen & Reading) H | 1h 45m |
| | | | | Business Studies | 1hr 30m |
| | | | | Computer Science | 1h 30m |
| | | | | French (Listen & Reading) H | 1h 45m |
| | | | | Food Prep and Nutrition | 1h 45m |
| Design & Technology | 2h | | | | |
| Tuesday 22 November | | | | | |
| Tuesday | 22-Nov | AM | GCSE | Biology Paper 2 | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Combined Science Biology | 1h 30m (Foundation & Higher) |
| | | PM | | GCSE | Mathematics – Non-Calculator |
| Wednesday 23 November | | | | | |
| Wednesday | 23-Nov | AM | GCSE | English Language Paper 1 | 1h 45m |
| | | PM | GCSE | Chemistry Paper 2 | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Combined Science Chemistry | 1h 30m (Foundation & Higher) |
| Thursday 24 November | | | | | |
| Thursday | 24-Nov | AM | GCSE | Mathematics - Calculator | 1h 30m (Foundation & Higher) |
| | | PM | OPTION C | CAMNAT Sports Unit R051 | 1h |

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| | | | | Geography | 1h |
| | | | | PE Paper 1 | 1h 15m |
| | | | | Drama Paper 1 | 1h 20m |
| | | | | History Paper 3 | 1h 20m |
| | | | | Spanish (Listen & Reading) F | 1h 20m |
| | | | | Spanish (Listen & Reading) H | 1h 45m |
| | | | | Business Studies | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Food Prep and Nutrition | 1h 45m |
| | | | | Religious Philosophy | 1h 45m |

Friday 25 November

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|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Friday | 25-Nov | AM | OPTION A | Geography | 1h |
| | | | | History Paper 3 | 1h 20m |
| | | | | Business Studies | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Computer Science | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Music Comp 3 Appraising | 1h 45m |
| | | | | Religious Philosophy | 1h 45m |
| | | | | BTEC H&S Comp 3 | 2h |
| | | PM | GCSE | Physics Paper 2 | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Combined Science Physics | 1h 30m (Foundation & Higher) |