



Archbishop Ilsey Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to start by thanking you for sending your child back to school smartly dressed and in a very positive frame of mind. As a school we have been impressed with the start students in Year 11 have made and I am optimistic that we are on track for a very successful year.

Being a parent or carer of a student in Year 11 can be very stressful! Sometimes the adults are more worried than the students themselves and in this letter I will be outlining some of the support we are putting in place to make Year 11 as easy as possible for all of us. I will be looking after Year 11 this year and I am privileged to have been asked to oversee this cohort; your children are a fantastic group of young people and I am genuinely excited about the year ahead.

FORM TUTORS

This year we have made significant changes to our vertical tutoring system and your child now has an English or Maths teacher as their form tutor. This will enable your child to have additional tuition in these subjects which are critical for your child's success.

REWARDS AND SANCTIONS

The vast majority of students at Archbishop Ilsey work hard, are respectful and behave appropriately in their lessons. With so much work to do, we cannot afford for lessons to be disrupted due to poor behaviour. This year we are adopting a 'zero tolerance' approach to disruption in Year 11 lessons. If your child is disrupting the learning of other students, they will be removed from the lesson immediately by a senior member of staff. Should they continue to disrupt lessons they will also be placed into senior detention on Friday evenings and/or spend a day in the internal isolation room where they cannot spoil lessons for other students.

As well as applying sanctions I am keen to reward students who do well and put in maximum effort. Last year we monitored the effort of our Year 11 students and we will continue to do so this academic year. Once a term, students who have displayed consistently excellent effort will go into a draw for an afternoon out as a reward for their hard work.

PROM

The Year 11 prom is a highlight of the academic year and plans are already in place for this event. However, no student in Year 11 currently has an invitation. The prom is not an entitlement; invitations will be issued to students who meet the criteria, which is currently being drafted by myself, Mr Simmons and the Heads of House. Good attendance, punctuality, consistent effort and positive behaviour will be key factors in deciding whether a student is invited to the prom.



TUTORING

Your child is at the beginning of a very important year. With GCSE examinations less than 10 months away there is a great deal of worry and pressure for students and parents alike.

The timetable included in this newsletter outlines the free tuition sessions that are available for this term. There is a focus on coursework for this term as some subjects still have this element.

Your child will be informed by their subject teacher if they need to attend a tutoring session and attendance is expected; staff at Ilsley are extremely generous with their time and are offering these sessions free of charge. If any of you as parents or carers have investigated the cost of private tuition, you will know that it is extremely expensive yet staff at Ilsley are prepared to give up their free time at no cost.

Should there be extenuating circumstances as to why your child cannot attend a tutoring session please contact your child's Head of House.

ACADEMIC TUTORIAL

On Thursday 25th October there will be an academic tutorial day for year 11 students and parents/carers. Year 11 will only come into school on that day for their appointment with their tutor and it is my hope that all parents/carers will be able to accompany their child to their appointment. Your child's progress, attitude to learning and general demeanour will be discussed at this appointment and a copy of the mock examination timetable for December will also be released and their summer examinations. More information will follow in a separate letter nearer the time.

KEY DATES

Thursday 25th October – academic tutorial (Y11 students only in school for appointment with tutor)

Friday 30th November – Friday 14th December – mock exams (students in school, no study leave)

Tuesday 8th January – Y11 results

Thursday 10th January – Year 11 subject evening

There is no doubt that this will be a very busy and at times, stressful year for your child. As a school we have put lots of support in place and as ever, we are grateful for the support from you as parents/carers.

If you have any concerns about your child please contact the form tutor in the first instance.

Finally, please congratulate your child on a very positive start to year 11. The staff have been very impressed with the maturity and commitment shown by the vast majority of the students. I hope that we are all able to celebrate a year of success in August 2019

Yours truly,

Ms A Pereira
Assistant Headteacher

Y11 AFTER SCHOOL STUDY SUPPORT TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	A Band English	Option A	A Band RS	Option D
	B Band Maths		B Band Science	
Week 2	B Band English	Option B	B Band RS	Option C
	A Band Maths		A Band Science	

Wk	DATE	SUBJECT	
1	Mon 1 st Oct	A Band English and B Band Maths	
1	Tues 2 nd Oct	Option A	Wk1 Tue 1 / Tues 2 Wk2 Tue 2 / Tue 3 / Wed 4
1	Thurs 4 th Oct	A Band RS and B Band Science	
1	Fri 5 th Oct	Option D	Wk1 Wed 1 / Wed 2 Wk2 Tue 5 / Thurs 1 / Thurs 2
2	Mon 8 th Oct	B Band English and A Band Maths	
2	Tues 9 th Oct	Option B	Wk1 Mon 3 / Mon 4 Wk2 Mon 1 / Mon 2 Wed 5
2	Thurs 11 th Oct	B Band RS and A Band Science	
2	Fri 12 th Oct	Option C	Wk1 Tue 4 / Fri 2 / Fri 3 Wk2 Fri 1 / Fri 2
1	Mon 15 th Nov	A Band English and B Band Maths	
1	Tues 16 th Nov	Option A	Wk1 Tue 1 / Tues 2 Wk2 Tue 2 / Tue 3 / Wed 4
1	Thurs 18 th Oct	A Band RS and B Band Science	
1	Fri 19 th Oct	Option D	Wk1 Wed 1 / Wed 2 Wk2 Tue 5 / Thurs 1 / Thurs 2
2	Mon 22 nd Oct	B Band English and A Band Maths	
2	Tues 23 rd Oct	Option B	Wk1 Mon 3 / Mon 4 Wk2 Mon 1 / Mon 2 Wed 5
2	Thurs 25 th Oct	NO SESSION – Y11 ACADEMIC TUTORIALS	
		HALF TERM	
1	Mon 5 th Nov	A Band English and B Band Maths	
1	Tues 6 th Nov	Option A	Wk1 Tue 1 / Tues 2

1	Thurs 8 th Nov	Wk2 Tue 2 / Tue 3 / Wed 4	
1	Fri 9 th Nov	Option D	Wk1 Wed 1 / Wed 2 Wk2 Tue 5 / Thurs 1 / Thurs 2
2	Mon 12 th Nov	B Band English and A Band Maths	
2	Tues 13 th Nov	Option B	Wk1 Mon 3 / Mon 4 Wk2 Mon 1 / Mon 2 Wed 5
2	Thurs 15 th Nov	B Band RS and A Band Science	
2	Fri 16 th Nov	Option C	Wk1 Tue 4 / Fri 2 / Fri 3 Wk2 Fri 1 / Fri 2
1	Mon 19 th Nov	A Band English and B Band Maths	
1	Tues 20 th Nov	Option A	Wk1 Tue 1 / Tues 2 Wk2 Tue 2 / Tue 3 / Wed 4
1	Thurs 22 nd Nov	NO SESSION - Careers Convention	
1	Fri 23 rd Nov	Option D	Wk1 Wed 1 / Wed 2 Wk2 Tue 5 / Thurs 1 / Thurs 2
2	Mon 26 th Nov	B Band English and A Band Maths	
2	Tues 27 th Nov	Option B	Wk1 Mon 3 / Mon 4 Wk2 Mon 1 / Mon 2 Wed 5
2	Thurs 29 th Nov	B Band RS and A Band Science	
2	Fri 30 th Nov	Option C	Wk1 Tue 4 / Fri 2 / Fri 3 Wk2 Fri 1 / Fri 2
1	Mon 3 rd Dec	Mock Exams all this week. No study leave	
2	Mon 10 th Dec	Mock Exams all this week. No study leave	
1	Mon 17 th Dec	No study support this week	
		Christmas	
2	Tues 8 th Jan	Return back to school	
1	Mon 14 th Jan	Study supports begins	

This support will be provided for a duration of 8 weeks .
Four weeks leading up to the Year 11 Academic tutorial and half term.
Another 4 weeks leading up to the mock examinations.

A new study support plan will commence in January. More details will follow.