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14 September 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Year 11 Strategy - Key Dates, Exam Package & Passport to Prom (0011-21REL)

KEY MESSAGES - This letter includes information about:

- **Year 11 Exam Revision & Support Package**
- **KS4 Revision Evening - Thursday 23rd September 2021, 5:00pm**
- **Visit to QE Sixth Form College – Monday 27th September 2021**
- **Year 11 Post-16 & Further Education Open Evening – Monday 4th October 2021**
- **Year 11 Mock Exams: Tuesday 2nd to Monday 15th November 2021 & Monday 28th February to Friday 11th March 2022**
- **Intervention & Academic Mentoring**
- **Passport to the Prom 2021-22**

As you are aware, Year 11 is a crucial time in your child's education as they begin their preparations for their GCSE examinations in summer 2022. At Longfield, we offer Year 11 pupils a comprehensive package in order to create the maximum opportunity for success.

This package includes:

- Careers appointments, information, assemblies and workshops regarding post-16 transition
- Year 11 revision support
- Academic Mentoring
- Interventions (lunchtime, after school and half-term)
- Welfare package including Year 11 Exam Stress Workshops
- Leavers Rewards Package

We are delighted that we can welcome parents and carers back into Longfield once again and below there is information about upcoming Year 11 events. Your support this year is invaluable, and we look forward to working together with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child.



Key Stage 4 Revision Evening – Thursday 23rd September 2021, 5:00pm

The evening will begin at 5:00pm with a 20-minute presentation from myself and Mr Rawle, Deputy Head of School and will detail specific information for Year 11 parents / carers. If the hall is full on arrival, you will be directed to the various departmental revision stalls. You will then have the opportunity to join the presentation which will be repeated at 5:30pm. Throughout the evening, parents / carers will be able to speak to each department about recommended revision resources and how best to support your child in specific subjects. There will be the opportunity to take resources home and purchase exam-board specific revision materials for some subjects.

Visit to Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College – Monday 27th September 2021

Your child can visit Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College on Monday 27th September (9:00am – 12:30pm). The visit will involve a brief introduction to the college, followed by taster lessons to find out what learning at QE is like. Pupils will opt into the taster sessions in school, and once they have chosen these, parents / carers will receive another letter with a consent and indemnity form, which will need to be completed and returned by Thursday 23rd September 2021.

If you would like a copy of the taster choice information in order to discuss the options with your child, please contact Mrs G Smith, Careers Adviser:

gillsmith@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk.

Year 11 Post-16 & Further Education Open Evening – Monday 4th October 2021

As you may be aware, the government has increased the age to which all young people in England must continue in education or training to 18. Raising the participation age does not mean young people must stay in school; pupils will be able to choose one of the following options post-16:

- Full-time education i.e. school, college or home education
- Apprenticeships
- Part-time education or training if they are employed, self-employed or volunteering full-time (defined as 20 hours or more a week)

For more detailed information visit:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/youngpeople/participation/rpa>

Longfield will host our annual Year 11 Post-16 & Further Education Open Evening on Monday 4th October 2021, 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the Main Hall.

The event will allow you and your child to explore the wide range of opportunities available to pupils when they leave school next year; helping to make career decisions based on comprehensive, accurate and up-to-date information.

Representatives from local colleges will attend the event, including Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Darlington College and Carmel College. There will be a wide range of apprenticeship and training providers in attendance, including representatives from the Armed Forces. All representatives will be happy to offer information, advice and guidance.

In the meantime, should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Smith and/or Mr Raw (Careers Lead) via main reception or by email

gillsmith@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk / jraw@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk

Year 11 Mock Exams: 2nd - 15th November 2021 and 28th February - 11th March 2022

These will take place in the Main Hall / The ORB and will give pupils the opportunity to replicate 'exam conditions', as well as allowing class teachers to see where pupils' knowledge is secure, and if there are any gaps that need to be addressed, either in class or in intervention sessions.

Intervention

Year 11 lunch time and after school interventions will recommence week beginning 20th September 2021. These are designed to fill knowledge gaps and support pupils to achieve the best possible outcomes. Attendance at these interventions is compulsory as identified in the Home School Agreement. Green Class Charts clicks will be awarded for attendance at intervention, and red Class Charts clicks awarded for any missed interventions.

Academic Mentoring

All pupils will be allocated a member of staff who is their Academic Mentor for the remainder of Year 11. Pupils will meet their mentor monthly and go through academic information that teachers provide in order to break down barriers to learning and offer revision support. Mentors may be in touch with parents / carers throughout the year.

Passport to the Prom 2021-2022

Towards the end of Year 11, your child will have the opportunity to purchase a Leavers Hoodie, as well as attend Leavers Day and Prom. In order to be eligible for these rewards, your child must achieve a minimum score of 92% on Class Charts. Pupils are awarded green clicks for effort / work rate in class, interventions, extra-curricular activities and PROUD which are all components for success.

Please note, if your child is involved in an extreme behaviour incident, whether or not they are above 92% on Class Charts, their Year 11 rewards will be reviewed and may be withdrawn.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school reception on 01325 380 815 or email enquiries@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk where your query will be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

Yours faithfully,



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