

Year 11 Newsletter – September 2022

Welcome to the first Year 11 newsletter of 2022-23. I hope this newsletter finds you well and that your child has returned and settled back into the new academic year; their final one at Bristol Met. Firstly, for those who don't know, I am the Raising Attainment Lead for Year 11, and as such have a focus on outcomes and achievements for all students in the year group. My role involves working across all subjects and teams, particularly English and Maths, and communicating with parents and carers to ensure the best possible outcomes for the students in the summer of 2023. There will be a newsletter update like this, once every two terms.

The year ahead:

Here is a very basic overview that has been shared with the students, of some of the key checkpoints across the coming academic year. Two very important checkpoints are the two mock windows. The first mock window will be taking place from Monday 31st October, and the second mock window from Tuesday 21st February. You will notice some of the future events don't have firm dates yet – these will be shared at the earliest opportunity.

Date	Event
06 th October 2022	Tutor evening (more information to follow shortly)
20 th and 21 st October 2022	Inset days (students do not attend school)
22 – 30 th October	Half term
31 st October – 11 th November	Mock exam window #1
16 th December	Last day of term
Future Events:	
21 st February – 3 rd March 2023	Mock exam window #2
Term 5 2023	GCSE exams begin
Term 6 2023	Last day at Bristol MET (!)
Term 6 2023	Prom
24 th August 2023	Results day

Mock exams:

Our first mock exam window is fast approaching. It will be a window of just over two weeks (the additional days will be used to accommodate more practical based subjects such as Art and Photography), starting on Monday 31st October. We will be working in assembly and tutor times to ensure all students have a revision plan in place and have tips and ideas on how to revise effectively.

The mocks will be formal, held in exam conditions in the same exam spaces that will be used in the summer exam series. It will be vital that both attendance to school, and punctuality in the mornings, is

Uniform:

A reminder that all students, including those in Year 11, are expected to be in school in the correct uniform. Details of our uniform policy can be found here:

<https://bristolmetropolitanacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/uniform/>

When in the school building and moving through the school, students are expected to have their shirts tucked in and their blazers on.

Attendance:

Our year group attendance for last week (W/C 12th Sept) was 93.8%. Our target is 96%. If a student has an attendance of 95%, it will mean missing a total of 48 lessons in their final GCSE year. Please continue to encourage your child to attend school as much as possible, and to catch up on work missed where absence cannot be avoided.

Homework and Planners:

Homework is set differently at Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11), as it will be set by subject teachers and could include a range of activities. This might include exam answer practice, revision activities, research, coursework completion or other appropriate tasks to complement classroom learning. The homework set should be written into student planners with a clear deadline to help students to prioritise and manage their learning. This work is likely to be used within lessons and/or be collected for marking by the teacher so it is important for students to complete it on time. Where homework is not completed or handed in on time, we continue to have a graduated response system to address and improve this.

All students should now have received a planner which they are responsible for and are designed to develop independence within their learning. They should be carried with them to all lessons and used as a tool to organise their homework and revision throughout the year.

Careers and Post-16 guidance:

Here at Bristol Met we are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated careers guidance team, consisting of Tim Holmes and Bill Hayes. Your child will have already had some interaction with the team, and they are a familiar face in our weekly assemblies. The big focus now will of course be on the process of Post-16 applications. In the meantime, please find some piece of information in the boxes below, shared by Tim for this newsletter. The team can be contacted directly: tim.holmes@clf.uk and bill.hayes@clf.uk for further advice or appointments.

National Apprenticeship Show:

Even if your child is not interested in apprenticeship for next year, this could be valuable information for them in future years - you will need to book online for Wednesday 28th September
Ashton Gate stadium
15:30-18:00

<https://nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/west-of-england/>

Insight to BT Group

For all Year 11 students interested in careers within British Telecom

Monday 26th September - 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Registration

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BT-Group>

CLF Post-16

Do go directly to individual websites for the most up-to-date information on Open Days and Evenings, here's our very own Cabot Learning Federation Post 16.

<https://post16.clf.uk/>

CLF Post 16 is an inclusive Post 16 provision based hosted at John Cabot Academy in Kingswood. We offer a fully inclusive range of Level 3 A levels and Level 3 vocational qualifications, along with Level 2 and ESOL awards to meet the needs of all learners. We pride ourselves on the provision we offer and pastoral care for all of the student community and have a well-developed support programme for students with additional needs. We care and believe in our students that enables them to achieve their best and reach their full potential. Our results are consistently good with strong results each year and students move onto positive careers through University applications and securing level 3 and degree apprenticeships across all industries. Please come and find out more at our Open Evening on Wednesday 19th October 4.30-7.30pm.

I hope you have found the content of this newsletter helpful, and have a fantastic rest of the term. As always, any questions or concerns, please do contact the school via the info@bristolmet.net e-mail address.

Kind regards,

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