

## Year 11 Newsletter – January 2023

Welcome to another newsletter, the third of the year already, and I hope it finds you and your families well. We are rapidly progressing through your child's final year at Bristol Met, as we move towards the summer exams 2023. There has been lots going on in the academy this term for Year 11, including the election of our student leadership team. I know they have already had a few meetings and are working on several projects, including a Culture Day, and looking to fundraise towards some of the cost of prom. This newsletter aims to cover some of the key details of the next mock window, revision in general, and some information regarding the prom in June.

### Mock Exams:

The next, and final mock window is soon upon us and you should have received a separate link to the mock exam timetable. Starting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February and lasting just over two weeks, students will be assessed in all of their GCSE subjects. This will be the final opportunity for students to accurately see where they are in terms of their course, and for teachers to see what work needs to be done over the final 8 or 9 school weeks to ensure a successful exam season in the summer. There will also be another Year 11 subject evening to discuss the outcomes of the mocks, which will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> March – more details to follow.

### Revision:

Revision at home should be in full swing now ready for the mock window mentioned above. There is a vast range of after-school revision session on offer at the moment, with many staff going above and beyond to provide additional opportunities for the students (see additional link to the current revision timetable). In terms of supporting your child to be successful in revision at home, there are a number of things that you can do to encourage healthy habits and effective revision.

### Revision Rewards:

As part of a push to encourage attendance to revision sessions, alongside attendance and punctuality, the Year 11s have been issued with a rewards card. On here they can collect a stamp for going to a revision session or for coming into the academy to revise from 7:30am, and the points then lead to rewards. These rewards range from chocolate bars and donuts, through to raffle tickets to have their prom ticket paid for (refunded), and raffle tickets to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

### Prom:

We have secured the King's Suite at the Marriott Hotel, College Green, for the Year 11 Prom. This will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, as a fantastic way to celebrate success together. A deposit of £10 was required on ParentPay by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, with the remaining £25 due at the end of Term 4 (31<sup>st</sup> March). If you were unable to make the first deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January, please do let us know and we will be able to make alternative arrangements.

Although we have capacity to take all students, prom is a privilege and not a right. It is important that students show that they are working as part of Team Met to ensure both themselves, and the rest of their year group, are successful. As a result of this, we will be reserving the right to suspend prom tickets for

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those who are not punctual to the academy and lessons, not attending school consistently or picking up numbers of behaviour points. If a ticket is suspended, there will be the chance to get back on to the prom list by showing willing and improvement in the areas listed above. We hope this is not something we will have to do, and if we do it will certainly be for a minority and as a last resort.

### The year ahead:

Date	Event
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term 3
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET – students not in school
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	First day of Term 4
21 <sup>st</sup> February – 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Mock exam window #2</b>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 subject evening
<b>Future Dates:</b>	
Term 5 2023	GCSE exams begin
Term 6 2023	Last day at Bristol MET (!)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Prom – The Marriott, College Green
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Results day

### Final date – holiday booking?

This is a common question being asked at the moment, and understandably so. Plans are being drawn up for how the end of year 11 will look, but they are not yet ready to share. The only date we can officially confirm is that Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June is the provisional date given by the exam boards as a contingency day in case there are any issues during the exam season. This means the only official line we can communicate is that there will be no formal exams beyond Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. And of course, prom is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June!

### 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 the term so far is 91.01% 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.

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As we approach the end of Year 11, attendance is more important now than ever. The students only have 9 working weeks left until the beginning of May, and at this stage, every single lesson really does matter.

**Punctuality:**

Please remember, students are expected on-site by 8:30am, with the main academy doors closing at 8:35am. Once in school, students are expected in lesson before the late bell; there are still a considerable number of Year 11 students who are not moving with purpose between lessons, and therefore losing valuable lesson time, and disrupting others upon their arrival to class too.

**Careers and Post-16 guidance:**

Those of you who have applied for the CLF Post-16 should have been sent a link to book into taster sessions, which due to the teacher strikes are now happening on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Transport will be provided for those who booked directly with Post-16 before the deadline, and the event will take place during school hours in the afternoon.

Applications should be in for most providers by now and remember that there is no limit as to how many you make. Many of you have already had interviews too. If you have an invite for a phone interview during school hours, please do show reception or your house team the proof of this (text or email etc), and they can mark it on the registers accordingly.

Thank you for your on-going support at this important time in your child's education.

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