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# Year 11 Special! Dene Magnifier



Clear views of school Y11 news....

Happy New Year all!

As 2023 progresses Year 11 are showing what they are really made of. Five years of learning are reaching their crescendo and each and every learner is rising to the challenge of achieving their maximum potential.

This Year 11 Newsletter outlines a key dates. Mr Derrick delivered an excellent Revision session two weeks ago, building on skills that have been developed across KS3 and KS4. Revision is a skill and process that can be learnt. There are an amazing amount of resources out there for students to use and Mr Derrick also emphasized the magic ingredients of hard work, variety, rest and looking after yourself!

Mrs Balmer also led an assembly looking at the Sixth Form. It was an absolute pleasure to welcome current Year 12 and 13 students who reflected on the theme of 'What I wish I knew When I was 16!' Their wisdom and clarity was inspirational. We are so proud of our Sixth Form provision, ensuring that there is outstanding A Level provision in the Forest of Dean. We also know that this provides a key motivator for students to rise to the challenge of their GCSE's to ensure that they have the grades they need to go on to make a success of A Level studies at Dene Magna.

Mr Mitchell was also able to add some specifics around the up-coming second set of Trial Exams. These are best described as a set of 'Technical Rehearsals'. They are time limited (just one week) and will focus on core subjects. These exams will be undertaken in full exam conditions in the Sports Hall.

The Pre-Easter Trials are an opportunity for each student to really kick start their revision and road test their timing, exam preparation and revision skills.

Attached with this Newsletter is a Trial Exam Timetable for the week 13-17 March 2023. Please note that students are in school for the whole week and will attend normal lessons if there is no exam. It is also **very important** that students are aware of exam regulation and that they are fully equipped. Can we put a special plea out now for calculators, we have some in school which you can purchase. These are available from the Maths Department and can be paid via Scopay at a cost of £7.

Another date to put in your diary is the final Parents'/Carers' Evening on Thursday 23 March. Further information will be coming out closer to the time. Our plan is to have this as a in person evening based at the main school site. This is such an important evening and marks entry into the final revision period and gives an invaluable moment for us to ensure that we are all supporting each and every student.

Thank you for all your support, we have a wonderful year group who are going to achieve amazing things!

## Revision Skills

Year 11 have had a revision skills sessions with Mr Derrick where different revision strategies were explored. Students were guided through how to make a revision timetable what a revision session should look like. Students have access to many different strategies and these will be delivered in tutor times as we lead up until the exams in the summer. As we approach the next set of Trials, it is important that students start revising NOW! They should all have a plan, the resources they need and the goals they have set themselves. If you have any questions/need any advice on revision, feel free to email Mr Derrick on [t.derrick@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:t.derrick@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Year 11 Prom

It is so important to have something to look forward to beyond exams. The beginning of the 'Year 11 Summer' is the Prom! This will be held on Friday the 14th July at Forest Hills Golf Club with photography from Sarah Cook Photography.

The evening will start at 6pm. Students will have an assembly in the next week to give them all the important information and letters will be out soon with all the information you will need. We know that students will have plans already in place for what is always a highlight of the year!



Yr 11 Trial Exam Timetable 2022/23									
Wk B			P1/2	Break	P3	Lunch			
Day	Date	Year	Room	Subject			Room	Start	P3/4
Monday	13-Mar	11	Hall	English 1hr 45m	N/L		Hall	1.15	Maths 1hr 30m
Tuesday	14-Mar	11	Hall	Science /Biology 1.10/1.45	N/L			N/L	Alevels only
Wednesday	15-Mar	11	Hall	English 2.0hrs	N/L			N/L	Alevels only
Thursday	16-Mar	11	Hall	Science / Chemistry 1.10/1.45	N/L		Hall	1.15	Maths 1hr 30m
Friday	17-Mar	11	Hall	Science / Physics 1.10/1.45	N/L		Hall	1.30	Maths 1hr 30m

Yr11 exams will take place in Sports Hall and Gym

Morning exams will start at 9.00 Afternoon exams start at 1.00/1.15/1.30

Access Arrangement starts as notified

Please be on time for your exams

## Equipment you will need

**Black Pen**

**Pencil**

**Ruler**

**Protractor**

**Rubber**

**Coloured Pencils**

**Compass**

**Calculator**

No Mobile Phones, iPod, mp3/4 players, watches to be removed

no potential technological/web enabled sources of information will be

allowed in the exams this applies regardless where the exam is taken.

Mobile phones must be left in bags switched off or handed in.

**Exam rules will apply during all Exams**

**Please go to tutor to register as normal,**

All morning exams will start at 9.00 be queued up by 8.50

if you have access arrangement please go to Gym if not the Sport Hall.

The afternoon exams start at 1.00 queue up 12.50, 1.15 start queue up 1.00,

1.30 queue up at 1.20

Access arrangement students may have to start earlier You will be informed