

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tuesday 12th September 2023

It was a pleasure to welcome your child back to school last week for their final GCSE year. The students have engaged extremely positively in their learning, and I have been able to visit the vast majority of Year 11 lessons where learning has been purposeful and focussed.

Prior to the start of term, we secured a strong set of Year 11 GCSE outcomes for the second year running which has enabled nearly all students to go on to their chosen destination at Post-16.

Work is already in place and underway to ensure that the new cohort of Year 11's are able to go on to secure some outstanding results in 2024.

I would like to bring your attention to the upcoming Information evening that will take place in school on **Wednesday 20th September at (5.30-7pm)**.

The event will provide all parents/carers with an insight of what is on offer for students in school on a daily basis. It will also provide guidance on revision techniques and other platforms that are available to support students in year 11.

To confirm your attendance, please sign up via the Microsoft form link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/L3VpL79SCC>

In Year 11, we offer a range of opportunities to our pupils and I strongly encourage them to grasp each one.

CNAT booster sessions

These sessions take place after school on a Wednesday & Thursday evening between 3-4pm and will allow students to consolidate their progress in their Cambridge National subjects. The initial focus will be on the following subjects: Engineering, Child Development & Enterprise & Marketing.

Lunchtime Drop-ins- (Daily)- Additional drop-in sessions available in English and Maths for all Year 11 students.

GCSEPod – All students have access to this revision/homework website and can be accessed using their school log in details. <https://members.gcsepod.com/login>

Tassomai- All students have access to this platform which helps to boost subject knowledge and help prepare students for upcoming assessments. They login with their school e-mail and the password they have created.

They should complete their Daily Goals four times each week

<https://app.tassomai.com/login?returnUrl=%2Fdashboard>

Seneca Learning – Available free of charge for all pupils by visiting <https://app.senecalearning.com/login>.

Maths- Students are encouraged to access the following websites to support them with their learning in maths.

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/> (username always first initial, surname@suthers e.g. jbloggs@suthers and password: suthers2022) Click on 'videos' and select clips from the drop down menu

<https://corbettmaths.com/5-a-day/gcse/> Website to support students in all aspects of maths curriculum.

Career Focus – Nearly all students were able to meet 1-1 with a career advisor at the end of Year 10. These meetings will continue throughout Year 11 to support students with their post-16 pathway.

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Yipiyap Tutoring- We have a small number of students working with an academic tutor in school. This will continue throughout Year 11 with a focus on Maths & English support.

Formal Assessments

Students will continue to sit a series of ongoing assessments throughout the year in each of their subjects. We will formally assess Year 11 in all curriculum subjects in January 2024. Full academic reports will be produced on three occasions throughout the year along with an Approach to learning (AtoL) score in each subject.

Parent Events

Year 11 Character and Academic Success evening- Wednesday 6th December 2023.

Information on how to book on for the event will be shared with parents/carers as the event approaches.

This is a very important year for your child and we know from experience that when teachers and parents/carers work together children experience success. We look forward to working with you over this final academic year to ensure your child achieves their full potential in their GCSE exams.

If you would like to discuss any issues relating to your child, please contact their Form Tutor in the first instance.

Thank you, in advance, for your support and I look forward to celebrating your child achieving their full potential at the Suthers school.

Yours faithfully,

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