

Parent Bulletin, 17th November 2023



Events wc. 20th November

Monday 20 th November	Year 11 Mock Exams
Tuesday 21 st November	Nicola Jervis SEND LP Visit
Wednesday 22 nd November	
Thursday 23 rd November	
Friday 24 th November	Academy closed to students - Staff PD Day

Year 11 Mock Exams

Students have made a great start to mock exams this week. Please remember that these exams continue into next week and that students should continue to bring the necessary equipment.

PSHE Relationship & Sex Education Curriculum

Over the next term, all students will be studying relationship and sex education (RSE) as part of the PSHE curriculum. For Years 9 & 11, this will start at the beginning of December, whilst Years 7, 8 & 10 will start after Christmas.

The topics the year groups will be studying are:

- Year 7 – Help! I’m hairy. This unit covers Puberty & changes. The girls will also have a separate session to explore the different sanitary products available.
- Year 8 – It’s not OK! This unit covers Sexting; relationships; e-safety & grooming and emotions, how to cope with them and the potential risks of online gaming.
- Year 9 – This unit covers Consent, sexually transmitted infections, contraception, gender identity & sexuality and signs of abuse.
- Year 10 – This unit covers Choices available for an unplanned pregnancy including adoption, abortion, keeping the baby and miscarriage; Female genital mutilation (FGM), Teenage relationship abuse and Sexual harassment.
- Year 11 – Sexual Health. This unit covers the importance of protection & STI’s, teenage pregnancy and fertility.

We aim to work in partnership with parents when planning and delivering RSE and we would hope that no parent would feel the need to withdraw their child. However, as a parent you have the right to withdraw your child from all or part of the Sex Education component of the RSE programme, except for the statutory elements included in the National Curriculum Science. You will also not be able to withdraw your child from Relationships Education or Health Education content. For further information about your rights as a parent and the aims of the RSE curriculum, please read ‘Understanding Relationships, Sex and Health Education at your child’s secondary school: a guide for parents’. A copy of this can be found on the academy’s website PSHE page (Curriculum->Subjects->Lifestyle->PSHE) or alternatively, please click [here](#). If you do wish to remove your child, this must be discussed with the Principal, Mr Daniels, before 30th November. Will also need to be provided for the lessons they are withdrawn from. If you would like to view any of the lesson resources we deliver as part of the PSHE curriculum, or if you have any queries or concerns then please contact Mrs L Pettit through the school office.

Year 11 Science Masterclass

[Free Science Masterclass \(capitaltuitiongroup.com\)](https://www.capitaltuitiongroup.com) –

By attending these sessions your students will receive:

- 75 minutes GCSE Science tuition COMPLETELY FREE
- High quality tuition taught by a Qualified Teacher
- Small groups for plenty of individual attention
- A perfect way to sample GCSE tuition classes