

Year 11 Bulletin



Autumn term – 27/11/20

Thought of the week

“Success is the sum of all effort, repeated day in, day out”

Success is the accomplishment of a task. It doesn't really happen all of a sudden. It takes a lot of patience, perseverance and a lot of effort to get success. Success is the final station, and before reaching there, the train must be full of effort - a small number of efforts fill it slowly at every station until the whole train is filled.

We don't achieve things overnight. We constantly have to put in effort each and every day to improve our skills and strengthen our ability to complete the task smoothly and accurately. By doing so, we will get success one day.

Have you ever seen a perfect muscular body made overnight? No! Regular hard work, effort, and patience are needed for that. The road to success is not full of roses. It also has thorns in it. There are different obstacles and challenges which we must overcome with our determination and effort. This is summed up perfectly where we have periods outside of the academy. We have our eyes on the prize. Our efforts daily will I'm sure reap its rewards in the summer of 2021.

Year 11, moving on up!

The Class Charts shop is now open, and students are able to log in and claim rewards for their points. The student council will be able to suggest new rewards, so it is important to share your ideas with your form reps. The new milestone awards are also live, it was nice to announce in assembly that so many Year 11 students have already received their Bronze Award (200 positive points). I want to see more of our students move beyond 200 points and onto the next milestone.



Form Tutor update

11 Purple

Could I begin by saying "thank you" to all of the students in my English class for continuing to impress me with their adaptability and resilience in their study.

It has also been a pleasure talking to parents again, this week, when making calls home to check-in with students. If I haven't managed to get through to you yet I will be calling as soon as possible.

A great effort from all involved and I look forward to seeing you all back in the academy, next week.

11 Green

11Green, I am so very proud of you for the adaptability and patience you have shown and are still showing to the demands of Covid, not only within school and your education but within the wider community and beyond.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon, please continue to gather bits for the Xmas Shoe Box Appeal for those less fortunate.

11 Red

Although we've spent some more time away, I want to congratulate 11 Red with how hard they have worked on Teams, adapting to sudden change and engaging with their work. It has been great to hear from some of them either via phone calls or email. Well done! I am looking forward to having you back in form and carrying on with our charity drive.

11 Yellow

This week has been a real test of fortitude and resilience for the 11 Yellow as a whole. Being adaptable and able to bounce back in challenging circumstances has been a quality I have seen blossom in them during the uncertainty of the times we currently find ourselves in. During all this upheaval 11 Yellow have still been considering the needs of others less fortunate than them and we have been coming together to create a box of small gifts suitable for a child who would otherwise have nothing to open on Christmas day. Some students have even decided to create their own additional box at home which is a real credit to their compassion. Please speak with your child about any small items that could be included to complete our gift box. There is a December challenge that we will be focusing on that they have been emailed about this week. We will be collecting items for our local Food bank to support others on our community. I look forward to seeing my tutor group back in the academy and enthused about their learning as well as thinking of others as we get closer to Christmas.

Virtual football skills competition

As an academy we are taking part in a regional Virtual Football Skills Competition. It's recommended that students perform the 5 challenges in a circuit during their P.E lessons, or you could have a go in your back garden at home! There are 5 separate challenges which you can have a go at:

Challenge 1- Toe Taps

To set this game up you just need 1 football.

The player performs as many toe taps on a football as they can in 30 seconds. This is where a player puts the sole of their foot on top of the ball, alternatively swapping feet as quickly as they can. The number of times they can touch the ball in 30 seconds will be their score.

Game 2 – Keepy Uppies

Players have three go's at doing as many keepy uppies as they can. This is trying to keep the ball in the air using any body parts except their hands. Every touch of the ball without the ball touching the ground scores 1 point. Add all three attempts together.

Game 3 – Dribble Slalom

To set this game up place 2 cones 10 metres apart and put 4 cones in the middle of the 10 metres, each 1 metre apart.

Players dribble the 10 metres slaloming in and out of the cones. Each time they get through the cones and to the other end they score 2 points. Players have 1 minute to score as many points as they can.

Game 4 – Step overs

To set this game up you will require 1 football.

Players perform as many step-overs over the football as they can in 1 minute using both feet.

Game 5 – Control and Shoot

To set up this game you need a football and to create a 3 metre by 3 metre square and a 2-metre-wide goal 8 metres from the square. You also need someone to help.

Player stands in the box and assistant rolls the player the ball from 4 metres away. Player has to control the ball and keep the ball in the box and then score in the goal. Player scores 1 point if they can control the ball in the box and 1 point if they score in the goal. Players have 5 attempts so top score would be 10 points.

Results

Once you have added up your results please return them to the P.E department.

GOOD LUCK!

Student support – Intervention

All Year 11 students should be continuing to use Tassomai, which will support our Year 11's with their exams. Tassomai is an intelligent online learning program which will build confidence, knowledge and reduce exam stress. It is incredibly user friendly and can be used by students in short 10 – 15-minute periods of revision.

Students can download and install the application on laptops, tablets and mobile phones for all operating systems (iOS / Android/Google play).



We have launched our P6 intervention schedule below. Students have received letters stating their expected attendance to these sessions. Students who haven't received a letter, are welcome to attend if they wish.

Year 11 Period 6 sessions November 2020 to January 2021			
Day	Time	Subject	Staff
Tuesday	2.55pm – 3.45pm	Catering	DH
		Music	AD
Wednesday	2.55pm – 3.45pm	Drama	JL
		Independent Study Skills/Revision Techniques	ABE
		Health and Social Care	MG
Thursday	2.55pm – 3.45pm	Sports Studies	AT
Friday	2.55pm – 3.45pm	Business	JS

Operation Christmas child.

This Christmas, year 11 are paying forward our festive cheer and helping out those less fortunate than ourselves. Our charity drive is to aid Operation Christmas Child, sending Christmas gifts across the world for children who may never experience a gift during the festive season and may be experiencing hardship in their homeland. For this, students need to bring in items such as toiletries, small toys and school supplies that can be purchased cheaply or unwanted at home to their form tutor (no liquids, toothpaste or sweets due to import restrictions). From here we will try to make as many shoeboxes as possible to help out others. We will then have the great fortune of tracking our parcels as they go around the world and bring joy on Christmas Day. Our deadline for items being dropped in school is Thursday 10th December to ensure that our boxes can reach their destinations in time.



This is a fantastic opportunity to support others and create a smile on a child's face this Christmas, especially after such an unprecedented year and a fabulous way to see our year 11's working together to help others. For more information about what can be included in the boxes, please check out the Operation Christmas Child website: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

Keeping in touch.

It's been amazing to see over 92% of the year group engaging in our blended learning from home. It has been great to welcome back our students to enable us to continue this momentum into year 11. Form tutors will continue to make contact with parents this term to discuss progress and attitude to learning, please feel free to call or email me you wish to contact me.

Best Wishes

Mr. Tatton