

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

It was a pleasure to welcome your child back to the school just over two weeks ago for their final year as a Suthers student. The pupils 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.

It was great to meet so many of you in person last week for the Achievement Event that was held in school. Please see attached for a copy of the information that was shared on the evening.

Prior to the start of term, we were fortunate to witness our first cohort of Year 11 pupils receive their GCSE results and to celebrate in the school achieving some incredibly strong outcomes for all students. Work is already in place and underway to ensure that the new cohort of Year 11s are able to go on to secure some outstanding results in 2023.

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

**Study Hall** (Wednesday 3-4pm) – English and Maths sessions are already up and running. Timetable to follow in other subjects with students being encouraged to attend on a weekly basis. Students can complete Practice Learning for other subjects in a computer room during this time

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

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

**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. Club. These meetings will continue throughout Year 11 to support students with their post-16 pathway.

**Winning Leader Programme**- We have a number of students involved in an academic and character development mentoring programme with the support of a professional agency.

**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 & Science support

### **Formal Assessments**

We will formally assess Year 11 on two occasions in all curriculum subjects with academic reports being produced for all students on both instances. Approach to learning (AtoL) reports will also be shared with parents/carers throughout the year.

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Assessments will take place on the following dates this academic year.

**Assessment 1 (Mock Exams):** 31<sup>st</sup> October-11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Assessment 2 (Mock Exams):** 20<sup>th</sup> February-3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

### **Parent Events**

**Year 11 Character and Academic Success evening-** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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

There will be another opportunity for parents/carers to come into school in the new year to receive an update on the support on offer for all Year 11 student and to receive additional information on the best way to support students from home.

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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