

# Parent news



Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

## Welcome to the new school year - Mrs Atkins Year 11 Lead

I would like to introduce myself as your new Head of Year 11. I returned from maternity leave in July and have familiarised myself with the year group. I am determined that your son / daughter will be fully supported to achieve their potential this year. If you have any queries do not hesitate to get in contact with me, or one of my colleagues below:

### Who do I contact?

- For any subject related queries (eg. coursework, subject content, homework etc.), please speak to your child's teacher.
- For general queries about your son/daughter and their progress or welfare, please speak to your child's Form Tutor.
- For urgent queries about the welfare of your son/daughter, please contact **Mrs Atkins** (Year 11 Lead). If the matter relates to a child protection or safeguarding matter, please contact Mr Hankinson, our Safeguarding Manager.
- For queries about the Sixth Form, please contact **Mr Rice**, Director of Sixth Form.
- For queries about travel and uniform, please contact **Mrs Howes**, PA to the Principal.
- For queries about attendance and holidays in term time, please contact **Mrs Heath**, Attendance Officer.
- For queries about Special Educational Needs please contact **Mr Beckett**, SENDCO

### Intervention Classes

Intervention classes start for Year 11 students yesterday. These are extra classes that run from 3.05pm to 4.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and are designed to help your son/daughter achieve the very best grade possible.

There is a focus on English and Maths – ideally we want students to get at least a grade 5 in both as this will maximise their future opportunities. The students involved in these classes will vary as we approach GCSEs – this is because the groups are created to have a specific focus eg. students who need to improve essay writing skills or revise plant biology.

Therefore, students may be involved one, two or no days per week. All classes are marked on students' timetables eg. 'Exam Mathematics' Groups are determined by your son/daughter's teachers and are based on the half-termly data collected for progress reports. Groups are deliberately small, typically 10 students. Attendance at intervention classes is compulsory. Intervention has proved very effective in the recent past.

### Preparing for Year 11 Examinations

To help get ready for GCSEs, students have today been reminded:

- Have I got a decent set of notes?
- Can I find them?
- Are they organised?
- Are there things that I don't understand that I did in Year 10?
- Are there topics that I missed?
- Have I got a routine for homework/revision?

### John Innes Centre Open Day 2017

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of their relocation to Norwich, from Bayfordbury, John Innes are holding an Open Day on Saturday 16 September, from 10am - 4pm.

With free entry and free car parking, you will enjoy extensive access to the John Innes Centre and some of our scientists;

- Guided tours of our laboratories and greenhouses
- Hands-on activities
- Access to the rare books collection
- There will be something for all the family, including;
- Extract some DNA
- Join the hunt for new antibiotics

- Find out about the history of peas
- Learn about the benefits of insects

Discover the man behind the John Innes name. No booking necessary.

#### **Bus Timetable Changes**

Please be aware that Bus Timetables will be changing from Monday 18th September.

The Contract Bus Updated Timetable is available on our website:

<https://utc.n.org.uk/sites/default/files/fields/page/documents/UTCN%20September%202017.docx>

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