



YEAR 11 UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2023

Welcome back!

Last week, we welcomed over 91% of our Year 11 students and parents/carers into the academy for our Year 11 Revision Evening. The Year 11 team shared an overview of what this year will look like to prepare our students for their GCSE examinations. Students and parents/carers were then invited to take part in a revision workshop delivered by form tutors, where they were provided with bespoke revision materials worth over £100. It was great to see students, parents and carers engage in these sessions and stay to explore the Post 16, Kooth, Careers and SEND booths to ask questions about how to provide the best support for our students.

During the Year 11 Revision Evening, we launched the October Half Term Achieve timetable. These sessions will be led by subject specialists and aim to support students with preparing for their November trial examinations and any coursework components they have before Christmas. We highly encourage all students to attend the half term Achieve sessions and have found that students who do attend these sessions perform significantly better than those who do not.

If you have any questions or queries about revision materials, Achieve sessions or the November trial examinations, please contact a member of the Year 11 team.

Miss B. Darke
(Student Achievement Leader, Year 11)



Each half-term, Year 11 will receive two newsletters which will contain key updates, student work, spotlight on STWA staff and revision hacks. This newsletter will be used as a key point of contact for all Year 11 students, parents and carers.

Key Dates for Half Term Two:

Trial Exams
Monday 13th November
- Friday 24th November

Careers

Careers in Year 11 is an important choice year and there will be many activities and opportunities for the students to engage in to help them make informed positive choices. This half term Tutor sessions have been delivered on understanding their choices and the pathways available, students have indicated where they think they may apply to for September 2024 which will lead to a careers interview with Vanessa Hailes our careers Adviser.

Layla Young the Academies Business Adviser (Genuit Group) delivered an aspirational assembly to start the thinking process around what skills an employer is looking for and the road to success.

We encourage students/parents/carers to use the Start Profile for UpToDate careers Information which has a link to all the opportunities in Doncaster on it. There are full instructions on how to access this on the Academy website.

Mrs Brooke is the Academies careers leader, and she can be contacted on careers@stwacademy.



	AM Session: 9.00am-12.00pm		PM Session: 12.30pm-3.30pm
Monday 23rd October	English Literature: <i>Macbeth</i> and <i>A Christmas Carol</i>		Science
Tuesday 24th October	Art ICT (Unit 2 Resubmission only)		Music: Composition
Wednesday 25th October	Mathematics: Foundation and Higher		
Thursday 26th October	Performing Arts: Theatre Studies		Health and Social Care: Component 1 Resit only
Friday 27th October	Geography		Computer Science: Programming BTEC Sport
Saturday 28th October	French: 9.00-10.30	History: 10.30-12.00	

You can sign up for the October Half Term Achieve sessions by using the following link: [Year 11 October Half Term Achieve \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com/Year11OctoberHalfTermAchieve)

Staff Spotlight

This week's staff spotlight places the focus on one of our Year 11 tutors, Mr Walker.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the Year 11's I teach this year, either during form time or in my maths class. It's been fantastic to see how invested they are in their own futures and how keen they are to seek out support from others. I can't wait to see the progress they are making turn into the results they are hoping for at the end of the year allowing students to progress to whichever next steps they choose."

Mr B. Walker

(Lead Practitioner for Mathematics)



Student Welfare Manager Award

This week's Student Welfare Manager Award goes to **D. Boothman** for 100% attendance and investment this half term!

Key Messages

- Students have received their November trial examinations timetable, which will begin on Monday 6th November
- Students will be expected to attend the morning Achieve sessions from 7:45-8:30 led by subject specialists where they will be provided with last-minute tips for the exam and some refreshments
- School-led tutoring sessions will commence next half term. Teachers will be in contact with parents and carers of students they will be tutoring.
- Students are required to use Tassomai and Sparx Maths weekly to achieve their aspirations and targets.