

Weekly information for parents and carers 26.4.24

Hello Everyone!

It has been wonderful to see the sun this week – maybe we will get a summer after all! Our students have loved being able to get outside more and have fun with their friends at breaks and lunchtimes in the fresh air.

Year 11 preparation for exams

We are all working hard (staff and students) as the exam season approaches so that we can make sure everyone in Year 11 has the very best chance of success. While we are trying to help students manage their workload and revision in school, we understand that this can be a stressful time for parents too. We'd like to offer you the opportunity to get in touch if your child is anxious or worried about the exams so that we can give them a little extra help or reassurance. To help with the revision itself, there are also lots of very useful revision materials and links on Student POD which will help your child and will help you to understand what it is that they should know and understand.

Here's the link to the Year 11 page:

<https://nelearningtrust.sharepoint.com/sites/TeesdaleStudentPOD/SitePages/Year11.aspx>

Look for the red button – “GCSE Exams 2024 – Revision Guide”; this outlines the key parts of each course with useful advice and web links etc.

Below that there's each subject, which contain a OneNote “Revision Guide” and links to the Knowledge Organisers too.

Human Papilloma Virus Vaccinations

Vaccinations were offered to all Y8 students this week for HPV. If your Y8 child missed the vaccination and you would like them to have it, a catch-up session will be offered later in the year. We'll keep you posted!

Lockdown procedure

As part of our continuing commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our students, the school has lockdown procedures in place in case there is ever an identified threat on or near the school premises. Of course, we hope that this is an approach that will rarely, if ever, be necessary. We will be undertaking a lockdown drill with students at some point during the course of the next week or so. This process will be carried out with a minimum of fuss and it will help us to ensure that in the event of an actual lockdown, things will run as smoothly as possible. Students will be made aware, before the event, that a drill will be taking place. We felt it would be appropriate to make you aware that this drill will be happening so that you are not concerned or worried if your child comes home and tells you they have been in a 'lockdown'. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Positive Points

Our students continue to impress and delight us with the number of positive points they are amassing. We now have nine students with more than 1000 points. They will be presented with certificates for this excellent achievement very soon. Positive points are completely separate from behaviour points and can be received for a whole range of contributions to the school, including: organisation, attendance, academic work, community work, postcards home and lots of other things. If you want to see your child's positive points, just look on EASI.

Have a great weekend!

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