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SCHOOL



Preparing for Year 11

10-to-11 Programme



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The Challenge Ahead

Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself in this 10-to-11 update letter. My name is Mr Simmons, the raising standards leader for the school. Over the next year you will receive update newsletters from me at important milestones in the academic journey of your child. I oversee the academic progress of your child and support their success in this area along with my wider Year 11 team.

Our upcoming milestone is that of Year 10 summer trial examinations. This is a 2-week timetable whereby students will sit mock papers across their suite of subjects. The timetable for this assessment series will be sent out after half term, along with iPad codes for revision content. During the exam season, students will sit their assessments in the way intended for the real GCSEs.

To ensure our current year 10 cohort are prepared for their vital Year 11 year, this year The Coleshill School is launching our 10-to-11 programme. The timetable for this programme, that involves bespoke and tailored support to our pupils between now and their GCSE year beginning, can be found in this newsletter.

The upcoming exam season is particularly important to students, as these grades will be used as predictions when applying for Post-16 courses as well as providing vital information for teachers to inform planning and groupings as we head into Year 11. There will be a clear window of opportunity at the end of this term for students to gain feedback in class and receive their new predicted grades during 'Review Week'. In September, in 'Re-Teach' week, students will be re-doing elements of their mock paper after teachers have re-taught content pupils found more challenging.

A dedicated workspace at home with access to their school provided iPad to complete their online revision tasks, such as Showbie and Seneca, is really helpful in supporting your child with their exam preparation. Creating a revision schedule is another useful tool to support revision and to ensure time is devoted to both revising and rest.

If you have any questions about the upcoming trial examinations please do get in touch, enquiries@thecoleshillschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely,
Mr J Simmons
Assistant Headteacher



10-to-11 timeline



Week Commencing	Task	Actions
20 th May	Year 10 Assembly	Mr Simmons will launch the 10 to 11 plan with Year 10, discussing the importance of Year 11 and what to expect from this important year.
	Revision Material	Revision Material and Showbie Codes will be shared with parents on Friday 24 th May. Showbie is an iPad app where resources/lessons are uploaded by your child's teachers for pupils to access electronically. In Showbie, your child's teachers will have uploaded workbooks/past papers/revision quizzes and much more. If your child does not have a functioning iPad, the app can still be downloaded onto any smart phone.
3 rd June	Home Learning linked to Mock Examinations	From 3 rd June until mock examinations, all departments will be setting a series of weekly home-learning tasks that are focused on content that will be present in mock examinations. This will be 1 per subject lasting a maximum 30 minutes.
17 th June	Revision Week	Your child's subject teachers will be delivering coordinated revision lessons tailored to mock examination content.
Thursday 20 th June	English Drop-Down Day	ALL year 10 students will be off-timetable this day to deliver a masterclass on English Literature.
24 th June	Mock Examination	Week 1 of mock examinations. These will be sat in a formal setting, replicating the format of their real GCSEs
1 st July	Mock Examination	Week 2 of mock examinations
8 th July	Work Experience	ALL Year 10 students are on work experience for this week.
15 th July	Parent Coffee Evening [15 th July – 4:30-5:30pm]	Parents are invited to an informal coffee evening where members of the School's leadership and pastoral teams will be on hand to discuss any concerns you have with your child's transition into Yr11.
	Review Week	Students can review their mock papers with their teachers. A mock results day will be held 16 th July
	Summer 10-to-11 Project Work	The school will share a series of project tasks for pupils to complete during the summer. Each subject will provide ONE task, lasting 1 hour. It is advised pupils complete 1 per week in their summer holidays. These tasks have been designed to cover tasks pupils have struggled with in Year 10, ensuring they are more confident in this topic/skill prior to entering Year 11. These will be uploaded to pupils' iPad Showbie accounts
September	Re-Teach Week	Departments will use the first week and a half of the new September term re-teaching 3 areas students struggled with on their mock exams. These elements will be re-assessed in the first key assessment at the end of Term 1.
September	Parental Work Shops	ALL Parents will be invited to an information evening entitled 'Preparing and Supporting your Child in Year 11'