



Penryn
College

'Achieving through Challenge'

Monday 7th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carer(s)

Year 11 Countdown to GCSEs

In these final weeks we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Year 11 students in their studies and let you know key information as they complete exams and take their steps beyond Penryn College. We are very proud of our young people and wish them every success in these coming weeks.

Key dates

Post Easter break – Yr11 students remain on site at lunchtimes

Monday 13th May – Exams begin

Friday 14th June – Yr11 students last full day in school (unless sitting further exams)

Friday 14th June – Final Prom Check decisions made

Tuesday 25th June – Yr11 students invited into school for a Leavers' Day celebration

Thursday 27th June – School Prom

Thursday 22nd August – GCSE results day

- **Attendance and uniform**

Thank you again for making sure your child attends regularly in full school uniform. Year 11 students are expected to attend all lessons at school until **Friday 14th June**, or their last exam if this is at a later date.

If your child has no further use for their PE kit when they leave, we would be very grateful if they could donate it to the college so we can build up a bank of spare PE kit for those that lose or forget their kit on occasions. Whilst we totally understand if they would like to keep hold of their kit we wouldn't like to think that any items were thrown away when we could make excellent use of them. There will be a place in the PE office to store these items so students can take them there at any time

- **When are the exams?**

The exams begin on **Monday 13th May**; your child's exam timetable was sent home in March, this is also on students' VLE pages. There are specific examination guidance documents and information for candidates saved on the Year 11 Showbie group, if you wish to receive a paper copy, or another copy of your child's exam timetable, please inform the main office. Students should attend all exams, if there is illness on an exam day contact should be made with Mrs Snowdon as soon as possible. Should there be any local or national disruption in the exams period the contingency day for all exams is Wednesday 26th June.

- **Subject revision sessions**

There is a clear link between attendance at revision and success. Certain subjects will continue to run timetabled revision sessions. Details of these can be found under the 'Clubs and Activities' tab on students' VLE page, this is also saved on the Year 11 Showbie group. Some students have been marked as 'compulsory' for these sessions; this is in order to support them in making the most progress they can.



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- **What will be in the exams and how is best to prepare?**

Students should be continuing to use their 'Y11 Guide Book'. This contains the details of subject content and a timetable planning section. Getting ready for exams beyond school is key to success and students should be aiming for a magic 10 hours a week of revision at home. We continue to encourage students to look after themselves and their well being: sleeping well, eating well and keeping up with their hobbies and interests outside of school through this time. Support here for parents and carers can be found on the school website and Showbie.

The Year 11 Showbie Group "**Y11 The Big Idea 2018-19**", is an key source of information; please do take a look at the range of resources available. Each student has been logged in and parents/carers were invited to join in September. If you would like a new code to join please let the main office know.

- **Prom and Prom Checks**

The School Prom is on **Thursday 27th June**. Students will continue to have 'Prom Checks' and we will look at how we can support some students with their learning behaviours to ensure they have a place at the Prom if there are currently areas for improvement. There will be a series of checks and final decision here will be made by **Friday 14th June**.

- **Leavers' Day Celebration**

The Leavers' Celebration Day on **Tuesday 25th June** is a highlight of the year and will culminate in a very special Leavers' Assembly. Students should attend school from 11.20am in smart casual dress, bringing any school shirts on which they wish to collect signatures. After lockers are emptied and iPads returned, we will provide all students with a complimentary lunch.

If students have not already done so, this is the final chance to return iPads. Please be aware that the covers, leads and plugs will need to be returned. If your child has lost or damaged theirs, they must **see the IT team now** to organise a replacement. We do supply plugs and charging leads at cost so you will not be able get genuine parts cheaper elsewhere. Please do not buy a cable/ plug that is not Apple as we are not able to use these with the machines.

Thank you for your continued support. As ever please do contact us should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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