



ST CRISPIN'S – A SPECIALIST SCHOOL IN MATHS, COMPUTING & LEADERSHIP



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September 2012

VBP/JS

Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to welcome Year 11 back to school and the final year of their GCSE studies; we have approximately thirty weeks to go before the start of the GCSE exams. As part of meeting the challenges of Year 11 I would ask that you encourage your child to attend all lessons on time, fully equipped and ready to work. The impetus is now on them to put their best effort into achieving the results they aspire to. As a school, we provide the students with the tools they require to fulfil their potential, but this can only happen if we work as a team.

A homework timetable accompanies this letter. Students should spend on average 1-2 hours per evening on homework. This may be a written exercise set by their teacher, revision for a scheduled test, research or simply reviewing the day's learning.

Controlled Assessments have now been introduced into many syllabi. These must be completed under exam conditions and attendance is compulsory. If a student is absent for a controlled assessment, they will be expected to complete it after school on a Friday, when they will be supervised by Mr Matthews.

Please find below some of the important dates this year. I would ask that you avoid making appointments or taking holidays at these times. Students should also be aware of dates for modules/practicals/controlled assessments, etc.

Thursday 4 th October	Parents' evening (6.30pm – 9.00pm)
Thursday 25 th October	Year 11 Options evening (7.00pm – 9.00pm)
Monday 10 th – Friday 21 st December	Year 11 Mock Examinations (<i>exact dates to be confirmed nearer the time</i>)

Parents' evening will, as in previous years, provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers.

The Year 11 Options evening is an opportunity for you and your child to explore the post-16 options available at St. Crispin's. You may be aware that, following the Education and Skills Act

of 2008, all students currently in Year 11 will be required to participate in education or training until the end of the academic year in which they turn 17. Further information about this will be given on the Options evening.

The mock examination timetable will be issued after half term. Historically students have had study leave for these examinations, provided all coursework is up to date.

On another matter, students in Year 11 have traditionally been allowed the privilege of leaving the school site at lunch. Whilst off site, it is expected that they will be in full uniform and behave appropriately. Students abusing this privilege will have their pass removed and be placed on lunch time report. Students are not permitted to leave the site at break under any circumstances.

In order for your child to receive their lunch pass they must return the signed permission slip below. **Students are not allowed off the school site until their pass has been issued.** Slips should be returned **directly to me.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs V. Bunting-Palmer
Year 11 Director of Achievement and Wellbeing
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To: Mrs V. Bunting-Palmer, DAW 11

Student: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to go off site at lunchtime. I am aware that if my child behaves inappropriately the school will withdraw this privilege.

Signed (Parent/Guardian): _____ Date: _____