

Our Ref: CMO

12th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so pleased that our Year 11s have returned to us this September eager to work hard, achieve, look well-presented and to be excellent role models around the school, I couldn't be prouder of them.

You may have heard that we invited applications for our Year 11s to establish a Leadership Team within school. Not only is this a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their communication and organisational skills, it is a good addition to any students CV when applying to further education and beyond. We are pleased to announce the following students were successful following a grueling application process with one feature requiring students to record a 90-second video to be played to all students within the school before a whole-school vote took place. Our leadership team now consists of Jacob Evans and Silvia Viana as Head students with Gilbert Boakye-Asamoai, Haydon Wadley, Rosie Careswell, Eva Mushen and Maiara Oliveira as Deputies. We wish then all the best in their new roles and look forward to seeing them in future events throughout the year.

Being a parent of a child in Year 11 myself, I can imagine how eager you are to know some key dates happening within school and other dates that might be of interest to you during this crucial year. Knowing these dates helps us all then to work together to best support your child through these challenges.

We are starting Hubs next week initially with Mathematics every Wednesday and English every Thursday. More subjects will then be made available to students the following weeks on Tuesdays and Fridays. We are looking forward to seeing many of our students at these Hubs, indeed, many students have already been asking when these sessions will start which is very encouraging.

Throughout the year, students will undertake a series of pre-public examinations either in the sports hall or as 'walking talking mocks (WTMs)' within their lessons. These examinations help the teacher and the student identify any gaps/misconceptions in learning with time to address these before the actual final examinations. The first WTM in English was scheduled for **Monday 11th October** whilst the first set of pre-public examinations will take place week beginning **Monday 15th November 2021** and again, week beginning **Monday 7th March 2022**.

Students and parents/carers will be supported throughout this year in a variety of ways including our up-and-coming revision evening on **Wednesday 20th October 2021** from 6pm - 8pm, giving an opportunity for students to gather revision packs from subject leaders and to ask questions. These revision packs are also available via the school website <http://www.bishopperowne.co.uk/y11revisionguides> This will then be followed by a presentation in the theatre from the Headteacher. Please keep an eye out for an email with further details, including how to book your place and specific timings of each subject talk.

Students will also be invited to Immersion Days, depending on the subjects they have chosen and key dates within that specific subject.

We have a Year 11 Parents Evening booked for Tuesday 18th January 2022 from 4:00pm. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

I know the Year 11 students are keen to have something to look forward to at the end of the year. I have been fortunate enough to secure Spring Grove House at West Midland Safari Park on **Friday 8th July 2022, 6:00pm – 11:00pm** for their Prom. More details will be given as soon as possible, including the option to pay in instalments via Parent Pay for your son/daughters ticket, but please do save the date.

As our thoughts turn to life beyond Bishop Perowne for our students, you might be encouraged to hear we have started Careers interviews with our students with the aim of supporting them through the application process of the next steps in their education. The following dates might be of interest to you and your son/daughter - **Heart of Worcester** Open Day 11am – 2pm **Saturday 16th October 2021**. Further details about their courses are also available via their website <https://www.howcollege.ac.uk/>

- **Worcester Sixth Form College** Open Day 4:15pm – 8:00pm **Thursday 21st October 2021** and **Tuesday 9th November 2021**. Further details about their courses are also available via their website <https://www.wsfc.ac.uk/>

All these events will need booking in advance if you wish to attend.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me either via email at morrisc@bishopperowne.co.uk or via telephone.

Yours sincerely,

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