

Year 11 Newsletter

September 2011

Welcome to the new Year 11 Newsletter. Year 11 can be a very stressful time for students (and parents) and we would like to try and make the last year at secondary school go as smoothly as possible for all. There is a huge amount of support available to help students through the exam and post 16 application processes, enabling them, we hope, to have a highly successful and enjoyable final year with us at PCS.

Post 16 Choices Evening Tuesday 4 October 6—8pm

We have organised a special event for all Year 11 students and their parents, giving you the opportunity to come along and meet representatives from all the local colleges and training providers to ask questions, pick up a prospectus and see some of the options available to you when you leave school next year. We have also invited representatives from the Armed Forces and the NHS.

This will be a fantastic time to really consider the different options open to you and give you a chance to ask questions to help you make an informed choice.

Additional Information, Advice and Guidance

College Presentations

During the week commencing 10 October we have arranged for some of the local colleges to come into school at 3pm to talk to give a presentation and talk to interested students. This will be an opportunity to ask questions about course requirements of about college life in general. The presentations will take place in IT2 and IT3 as follows:

Monday 10 October—**BHASVIC** and **City College**

Tuesday 11 October—**Varndean** and **Plumpton**

Wednesday 12 October—**Sussex Downs**

Remember—

Good attendance and punctuality are crucial for a good reference and future success!

College Open Evenings

Varndean College

Wednesday 2 November 6.30 - 9.00pm

Thursday 3 November 6.30 - 9.00pm

International Baccalaureate Information Evening

Thursday 20 October 6.30 - 7.45pm

Sussex Downs College (Lewes)

Friday 11 November 6.00 - 8.30pm

Saturday 12 November 10.00 -12.00 noon

Sussex Downs College (Eastbourne)

Monday 17 October 5.30 - 8.00pm

Thursday 3 November 5.30 - 8.00pm

BHASVIC

Wednesday 9 November 6.30 - 9.00pm

Thursday 10 November 4.30 - 7.30pm

City College

Pelham Street Site

Wednesday 12 October 5.30 - 9.00pm

Tuesday 22 November 5.30 - 9.00pm

Wilson Avenue Site

Thursday 13 October 5.30 - 8.00pm

Thursday 24 November 5.30 - 8.00pm

Plumpton College

Saturday 5 November 9 - 12.30pm

Prospectuses and Application Forms

College prospectuses and application forms will be available from the careers area at the back of the library from early October. There will be lots of help on completing applications forms available from PSHEE teachers and mentors over the next few weeks. Completed application forms must be returned to Mrs Hill by **Tuesday 8 November**. All applications must come through us as we need to add a reference, please do not apply online.



Energise

All Year 11's are welcome to come along to the food hall at 3.15 Mondays—Thursdays, have some juice and a biscuit and chill out for 15 minutes before you refocus and join after school revision sessions



After-School Revision Schedule

Year 11 teachers will be running extra after school revision sessions for students on the following days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
ICT	Art	Spanish	Art
Business Studies	Drama	Art	Media
Art	Food Tech	Humanities	Humanities
Drama	Humanities	Science	English
Music	English	English	
Resistant Materials	Resistant Materials	Maths	
Science	Graphics		
English	Textiles		
PE (Miss Barry's grp)	Maths		

Top Tips for parents to help your child succeed:

- Encourage healthy breakfasts
- Ensure your child stays hydrated
- Organisation is crucial!
- Use a notice board / fridge for key dates
- Encourage good sleep patterns (8 hours a night)
- Attend all PCS Year 11 events and College Open Evenings
- Refer to the homework timetable (found on PCS website). Students should be doing some homework every evening—this is good practise, not only for GCSE's but for college too

Key Dates:

Post 16 Choices Evening - Tuesday 4 October
 College Presentations - w/c Monday 10 October
 College Open Evenings - start on Monday 17 October
 Mocks Exams - Monday 31 October to Monday 14 November
 Year 11 Parents Evening - Thursday 13 October
 College Application Deadline - Tuesday 8 November
 Learning Review Day - Thursday 1 December

Who to Contact?

If you are worried about a specific subject, then your first point of call should be that subject teacher. We suggest that the best method of communication, initially, is using email

Please make sure that you take full advantage of all the help and support available to you.

- **Come to the Post 16 Choices Evening and college presentations, visit colleges on their Open Evenings, listen carefully in PSHEE lessons and mentoring and return your completed college application forms to Mrs Hill by 8 November.**
- **Come along to the Energise sessions every afternoon and then go to the extra revision lessons**

