



YEAR 11 UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2024

Welcome back to the Year 11 newsletter.

Our students are currently working on the final preparations for their upcoming trial examinations, which commence on Monday 26th February. This will be the last trial exam period before students sit their GCSE examinations in May.

This week, Ms Shaw and I held an assembly to outline the expectations of students during this exam period. All students will be expected to bring full equipment to each exam, including a scientific calculator and their revision guides. We expect students to attend a Morning Achieve session before every exam. These sessions will start at 7:45am and will be led by subject leaders to provide students with final tips for their exam. Students were given their exam timetables before half term and have been given another copy this week outlining where they will be sat and what access arrangements they will have. Please message a member of the Year 11 team if you have any questions regarding the upcoming trial examinations.

Last week, we were delighted to see over 60% of students attend the February Achieve sessions led by subject specialists. Students left these sessions feeling better prepared and more confident for their upcoming trial exams. We will be holding another set of Achieve sessions during the Easter break. The timetable for this will be shared with students, parents, and carers towards the end of this half-term and students will be able to sign up in advance.

This half-term, we will be bringing back the STWA Driving School to celebrate the investment of our Year 11 students. We will be selecting students based on highest attendance to February Achieve, top Sparx XP, top Tassomai (English, Science, Geography, History, Computer Science), highest attendance and nominations from tutors, Ms Shaw, Mr Woodhouse, Mrs Cowley, Mr McDonald, and myself. We can't wait to provide our students with this experience again!

Miss B. Darke

Student Achievement Leader, Year 11

Key Messages

- The final set of trial examinations will begin on Monday 26th February.
- Pre-achieve sessions for trial examinations take place from 7:45am. We expect all students to attend these sessions to achieve their target grades.
- School-led tutoring will continue to take place this half-term to support students with securing their target grades.
- Students are required to use Tassomai and Sparx Maths weekly to achieve their aspirations and targets.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Miss. E. Dixon, SENDCo.

I have the greatest privilege of supporting students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at STWA. The Inclusion team work really closely with the Y11 team to put in place varying levels of support for students. This includes exam stress workshops, some delivered by our Inclusion Managers Miss Severns & Miss Shaw and some delivered by the With Me in Mind team and KOOTH. My role also includes ensuring that all students have access arrangements in place; this is quite a complex jigsaw but it's such a joy to see students thriving when they have the correct resources in place and have developed strategies for thriving in examinations. We have a fantastic Inclusion Team at STWA and welcome students and families reaching out for support at any point, but certainly in the last few months before examinations start!



Our period 4 timetable has been altered for the trial examination period so that all students can revise for the following morning's exam with help from subject specialists.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C 26 th February	Maths	English	Science	English	EBACC (History/Geog/ French/CS)
W/C 4 th March	Science	EBACC (History/Geog/ French/CS)	Maths	Science	Normal period 4

STUDENT WELFARE MANAGER AWARD

This week's Student Welfare Manager Award goes to Rhys K for always being helpful and polite during social times. Well done Rhys!

THIS WEEK'S REVISION HACK

In the previous newsletter, I asked students to review their most recent trial examination results and set some goals for their next set of trial examinations.

Task: reflect on the goals you made for the upcoming trial examinations by answering the following questions -



- Which goal am I most likely to achieve? What behaviours have been working to help me achieve my goals?
- Which goal am I least likely to achieve? What behaviours haven't been working to help me achieve my goals?
- Are there any behaviours or habits that I can change to improve the likelihood of achieving this goal?



Now that you have reviewed your goals and highlighted the behaviours and habits that are supporting you with achieving them, focus on continuing with the behaviours or habits that work. Please speak to a member of the Year 11 team if you feel like you need further support with meeting your goals for the upcoming trial examinations!