



## YEAR 11 UPDATE

## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2024

Our students are now just weeks away from starting their GCSE examinations and have been working tirelessly to ensure that they are fully prepared for their first set of exams. Since the trial examinations at the beginning of this half-term, students have been focussing on closing the gap from each exam paper and have gained a good understanding of what they need to focus on to secure their target grades for each subject.

On Tuesday, we invited students, parents, and carers to the academy for the Year 11 Results Evening. In addition to celebrating students' success in the recent trial examinations, we shared essential information about how our Achieve programme will continue to support students during the upcoming examinations. It was great to see students celebrating their successes with parents, carers, and teachers.

This week, our students were invited to take part in either the Post 16 Taster Day or the Apprenticeship and College Workshops. Our Post 16 teachers delivered taster sessions for their subjects and provided students with an in-depth overview of the course. Students were able to access our fantastic Post 16 Hub and The Grumpy Mule Coffee Shop throughout the day. Our Year 11 students left these sessions with a good understanding of which courses they would like to study at Post 16. It was brilliant to see so many students excited to continue studying at STWA next year! We also held an Apprenticeship Workshop delivered by an external speaker, who provided practical support whilst students applied for apprenticeships, as well as accessing a session which focused on CV writing to prepare them for the world of work.

We look forward to seeing as many students as possible attend the Easter Achieve sessions, which will be led by subject specialists. These sessions will focus on securing exam technique and embedding powerful knowledge for each subject.

I hope you have a lovely Easter!

Miss B Darke  
Student Achievement Leader, Year 11

## Key Messages

- The STWA Driving School has been rescheduled for Friday 26th April.
- The deadline for ordering a Class of 2024 leavers hoodie has passed – students will receive their hoodies in the final week of Half Term 5.
- School-led tutoring will continue to take place after Easter 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

This week's staff spotlight places the focus on our Lead Practitioner in Mathematics and Year 11 Tutor, Mrs Munday.

My role as Lead Practitioner in Mathematics and Numeracy here at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy is to support all students in their mathematics journey and ensure that they get the best possible results they can. As we head to the Easter holiday, students need to ensure that they attend as many Achieve sessions as possible, making the most out of every learning opportunity. They need to take time to rest and recuperate, so they can come back ready to take on their final term as Year 11's. I will leave with one bit of advice:

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. You decide your future."



Students have been invited to attend the following Easter Achieve sessions:

	AM Session: 9.00am-12.00pm	PM Session: 12.30pm-3.30pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Mathematics	Business Studies Performing Arts: Dance
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Science	Computer Science ICT
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	History	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	French	Performing Arts: Acting
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Food	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Health & Social Care	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Art	Art
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Geography	

The English Achieve session that was due to take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March has been moved to an online session. All students will receive an email with a link to the pre-recorded session later this week. Copies of the resources will be handed out during Period 4 today and students can access the recording at any point to support their consolidation.

## Exam Stress

As we are getting closer to exams, it is important that we are managing our exam stress. Kooth are delivering some live streamed webinars that aim to provide guidance and support for young people experiencing anxiety or stress about their exams.



- The webinars are running throughout April. You can use the link below to sign up!

[Student webinar: Tips for managing exam stress and how Kooth can support you \(google.com\)](#)

- They are also offering webinars for parents and carers with tips for their child sitting exams. The link to sign up is below.

[KoothTalks for parents and carers: How you can support your child to manage exam stress \(google.com\)](#)



## Student Welfare Manager Award

This week's Student Welfare Manager Award goes to William S for always offering to help with refreshments at academy events!