

Year 11 Information Evening

Thank you for taking the time to engage with our year 11 information evening, we hope that you have found the information useful. A copy of the PowerPoint has been sent to you and in this document, you will find further details regarding the information given.

Important Dates

- Assessment 1: 19/09/22 – 07/10/22
- Progress Grades: 25/10/22
- Mock Exams: 28/11/22 – 14/12/22
- Reports: 24/01/23
- Parents Evening (online): 26/01/23
- Assessment 3: 06/03/22 – 10/03/22
- Progress Grades: 25/04/23

Revision and examination support

As a school we are committed to ensuring that you feel that you are well equipped in supporting your young person through their GCSEs. Our website contains lots of practical support for both yourself and your young person regarding revision techniques and strategies.

<https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/keystage4exams>

Careers

We are pleased to be able to invite our Year 11 students to participate in the Macclesfield College options fair on 19th October 4.00pm – 6.00pm. This is a town-wide event with a broad range of exhibitors including schools, colleges, apprenticeship providers, the NHS, the Uniformed Services, Volunteering Opportunities and a range of local employers from sectors including finance, media, digital, engineering and manufacturing. A QR code to reserve tickets will be sent via Sims InTouch shortly.

We have an independent Careers Advisor, Mrs Rush who works at school on Mondays and Tuesdays. All students will be seen for a 1:2:1 appointment by the end of Year 11 with appointments starting the latter part of Year 10. Mrs Rush also offers a lunch time drop in every Monday and Tuesday. If you have any careers related questions these can be sent to the Careers Helpdesk at careers@phs.cheshire.sch.uk. The Careers Advisor can also assist with college or apprenticeship applications and preparation for interviews. Students can either call to see Mrs Rush or request an appointment via their Form Tutor.

To make good choices for the future students will need reliable, up to date information. To help them, school subscribes to a careers information platform called 'Indigo'. www.indigo.careers Students can use Indigo whenever they want. The more they use it, save their ideas and add to it, the more useful it will be for them in the future. Their username is their school email account address and the password is Poynton21

Other reliable site for careers research are:

National Careers Service website <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Prospects Website <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles>

Proud Letters

Please do not tell your young person. The 'surprise' element had the biggest impact last year.

For a number of years now, we, as a school have held a whole year group 'Proud assembly' to celebrate students' achievements and let them know how proud we are of them before they begin their examinations. An integral part of the assembly sees our young people receiving a SURPRISE letter from somebody they are close to. The letter will be opened by students in the assembly and provides an opportunity for you to tell your young person how proud you are of them. Of course, we are aware that you do this regularly but we have found this to be a lovely opportunity for them to take stock of the words you give them and provides a keep sake for the future.

If you would like to write your young person a proud letter please email this to: year11proud@phs.cheshire.sch.uk including your young person's name and form in the 'subject.'

Deadline = Monday 7th November 2022

Transport to school

For the attention of Students using the School Buses

Please remind your young person that if the school bus becomes stuck in traffic it is important that your young person stays on the bus, this is the safest place to be.

Walking and cycling to school

It is fantastic to see so many students walking and cycling to school. Please remind your young person to make sure they are thinking about other road users and their own safety on their journey in to school.

Uniform Code

Details of our uniform policy can be found here:

<https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/aboutus/schooluniform>

Free school meals

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67

Phone 0300 123 5012 for further information and help or you can apply online at https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

Child and Adolescent Mental Health

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's (CWP) nationally recognised Child and Adolescent Mental Health website 'MyMind' is a dedicated website for young people across Cheshire and Wirral experiencing mental health difficulties.

MyMind provides advice and guidance around the key topics identified as most important to young people and their families: how to cope with mental health challenges, how to get help and what to do in a crisis.

The site includes a host of interactive self-help resources for young people, parents/carers and anyone who works with young people around the topics of Mood, Lifestyle and Relationships, as well as details on local mental health services in your area.

Visit www.MyMind.org.uk

Equipment Reminder

- Students need to bring the following equipment to school with them every day:
 - Pens – blue or black
 - Red pen
 - Pencil
 - Ruler
 - Protractor
 - Pair of compasses
 - Calculator
 - Rubber
 - Reading book
- It would also be handy to have scissors and glue!

Please contact us if there are any issues or if you have any questions at all.
Thank you for your continued support.

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