

## Welcome

Welcome to this week's issue of our newsletter. This week we have welcomed back students after having a restful half term, and it has been a really positive week. On Wednesday, our brand new canteen opened. It has been brilliant to see the students enjoying a better and bigger space to enjoy during their social times. Today, we have had our annual Careers Fayre for our Year 11 students, which has proved to be hugely successful. We are excited to see what this next half term will bring.

## Good News

### Our New Canteen

Since before summer, construction has been taking place on our canteen. We are delighted that building work has now been completed, and the canteen is open for students to sit in and enjoy their break and lunch times. The new build has provided so much more space, and we are extremely happy with the outcome. After opening on Wednesday, it has been great to see students taking full advantage of this new area.

### Year 11 Careers Fayre

Our annual Year 11 Careers Fayre has been a great experience for students to start getting prepared for life after OSCA. We have had a wide variety of organisations come in, all who were eager to talk to our students and offer them support and guidance. Not only that, but students have also had the opportunity to have 1 to 1 mock interviews. These interviews allow students to familiarise themselves with this process, as well as gain vital experience so they feel ready when having interviews in the future. We would like to say a huge well done to the students for getting involved today, and also thank you to all of the outside organisations for coming in and showing our students what they have to offer.



## Attendance

**1st—Year 7**

**2nd—Year 8**

**3rd—Year 9**

High attendance is vital to ensure that students reach their maximum potential while at school. Having a couple of days off here and there may not seem like it will have much of an impact, but by having just 6-10 days off a year, it can drop the chances of achieving those higher grades by 10%. This equates to over 50 hours of learning lost per year. Congratulations to Year 7 who achieved the highest attendance this week!

## Upcoming Events

### Year 11 Mocks—Monday 13th to Thursday 23rd November

Year 11 mocks will be happening between **Monday 13th to Thursday 23rd November**. All year 11's should have received their Individual Mock Exam Timetable and the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ): Exam Information for Candidates. If any year 11 student hasn't received one of these packs, could they please go and see Ms Dornelly in the Data and Exams office (A Block) to get one. Thankyou for your ongoing support with this.

## Social Media

Don't forget to follow us on social media, where you can find any news on school activities as well as updates about recent events.



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