

**Hospital and Outreach Team**

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Executive Headteacher: Mr. James Gibson

Dear Parent/Carer,

We wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 11 at Chapel House whether you are a returning family or a new starter in our wonderful community. Within this letter you will find relevant information that will not only support you and your child throughout Year 11, but also beyond and into their post-16 futures.

The year ahead will include a number of key events that will successfully support your child and, at the same time, offer support to you as parents/carers. Included at the end of this letter is a brief calendar to remind you of key events and dates this academic year.

As you will be aware we offer a broad and balanced curriculum with a key focus on English, Maths and Science which are all delivered at a level which meet the individual needs of all our students. Supporting this 'core curriculum' we also offer other qualifications that are bespoke and tailored to each student. Should you have any questions regarding your child's curriculum please contact their Learning Mentor.

We will be holding a mock exam period during week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 which may include a Maths Award Exam. We do not want this to cause additional stress and anxiety, but evidence shows that if students are prepared for what their final GCSE exams will actually 'feel like' then they are more likely to achieve success.

Each year, we offer support with careers interviews, college visits and information about post-16 opportunities. We are so pleased that for the first time this year, we will also be offering a work experience placement to any Year 11 students who would like to experience a day or a week in a work environment.

Careers information is also available from a wide range of sources including about apprenticeships. Emily Hornblower from Opportunity Sheffield will be coming in to talk to students on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November about this. There will also be the opportunity for parents/carers to get direct advice and support from Sue Williams-Bradshaw (Careers Team). We would like to confirm the following dates to meet with her and ask that you complete and return the reply slip overleaf:

December 5<sup>th</sup> Parent/Carer Drop-in 10.30-12.45 (Chapel House)

December 12<sup>th</sup> Parent/Carer Drop in 3.30-5.00 (Chapel House)

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In the meantime, any questions regarding post 16 can be directed to Tracey Curtis, the in-centre Post 16 Curriculum Lead – [tcurtis@nexusmat.org](mailto:tcurtis@nexusmat.org)

A key date for your diary is the Year 11 Information Evening which will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023. The focus for the evening is working together to ensure that the final months of Year 11 are as successful as possible while at the same time supporting students and families in the run up to GCSE exams and what is available for students when they move onto their post-16 studies

Year 11 can be a difficult and stressful time for everyone, but please rest assured that we will continue to work with you and your child to ensure that they achieve their potential and are able to move on to the next stage in their studies with success.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Smith

Deputy Headteacher

### **Y11 Calendar 2022-23**

	<b>Date (if known)</b>	
<b>October</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup>	English Writing Functional Skills Assessments
<b>November</b>		
<b>December</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Carer Careers Drop in 10.30-12.45 Welcome to Chapel House Drop in Evening Parent/Carer Careers Drop in 3.30-5.00
<b>January</b>	W/C 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mock Exam Week (including Maths Award Exam)
<b>February</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 11 Information Evening
<b>March</b>		
<b>April</b>		
<b>May</b>		Year 11 Exams
<b>June</b>		Year 11 Exams

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### **Year 11 Careers Drop in Reply slip**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below the sessions you will be attending:

December 5<sup>th</sup> Parent/Carer Drop-in 10.30-12.45 (Chapel House)

Tick

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December 12<sup>th</sup> Parent/Carer Drop in 3.30-5.00 (Chapel House)

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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