



Countdown to Success Parent Newsletter 2

Countdown to Success

The Countdown to Success is now firmly underway. Students have almost completed their second mocks; building knowledge and practising exam technique.

Learning Phase

We are now in the “Learning Phase” of our Countdown to Success program. Pupils should have now compiled resources and should be learning material and testing themselves.

Nightclub

This is the final week of Night club. It will recommence Tuesday 25th of April to coincide with the GCSE run-in.

Year 11 Prom

Taking place on the 12th July at The Lion Quays Hotel and Spa, invitations are being sent out this week. Pupils will be able to attend based on attendance, completion of coursework, behaviour and attitude over the last 8 weeks of school.

Resilience Day

This was a great success. Workshops included stress, time management and memory techniques with Karim Al Abbas from Enlighten Education. Students’ evaluations show that they thoroughly enjoyed working with Karim and were keen to get going with their mind mapping skills ready for the second mocks. Many students were keen to show examples of the mind maps that they had produced after the event. Parents also made positive comments about the evening event and felt more able to help their son/daughter.

Mock Interview Day

Year 11 had their Mock Interview Day which was a tremendous success. The Marches welcomed over 30 representatives from the business world to help provide our students with an opportunity to experience a formal interview. The Rotarians (who assist in this process) said it was “fantastic to see such aspirations and commitment from our young people.”

Citizenship Programme

Our Citizenship Programme has now switched to the Countdown to Success Programme. This means that Academic Mentors are helping to prepare students for their futures in terms of employment, life skills and preparation for the summer examinations. This term we began to support students by helping them structure their revision.

Academic Mentoring and Reading Time

The focus has now changed to revision and students are using the time constructively to prepare for both the mock exams and their real GCSE's. It has been a credit to see the work and effort that students are making during these times.

Grade Improvement Sessions

Afterschool sessions have begun this half term - the full schedule is attached below. We will be alternating CORE/OPTIONS each week. Students should see their teachers for further details.

Exam Course Booklet / Countdown to Success Revision Booklets

<http://marchesschool.co.uk/parents-students/year-11-countdown-to-success>

Students received their Exam Course Booklet during citizenship. This document provides key facts and details for all subjects such as exam boards, provisional exam dates, course content etc.

All departments have produced a revision schedule for students. These are to help students develop their independence and structure their workloads over the next few months. **Parents can access both booklets on the school website.**

Year 11 Parent's Evening - Thursday 6 April 2017

This will be the last Parents Evening for our Year 11's and is a vital opportunity for you to support them in the lead up to their final exams. Please ensure your child is booking slots with their teachers.

Countdown Calendar			
Countdown to Exams in weeks	Key Dates	Activity	Description
8	6th March (week commencing)	Mock Exams Round 2	Students will have a second round of mock examinations.
		Grade Improvement Activities After school Tues/Wed/Thurs	Sessions are held after school. All students are welcome and have free choice which session they attend. Our sixth formers tell us: GIA attendance equals success in the summer.
7	13th March (week commencing)	Grade Improvement Activities After school Tues/Wed/Thurs	
6	20th March (week commencing)	Grade Improvement Activities After school Tues/Wed/Thurs	
5	27th March (week commencing)	Grade Improvement Activities After school Tues/Wed/Thurs	
		Countdown to Success Parent Newsletter 3	We will be giving advice on how to support students over the Easter holiday.

4	3rd April (week commencing)	Grade Improvement Activities After school Tues/Wed/Thurs	
		6th April Year 11 Parents Evening	A vital chance to meet with subject teachers in the last Parents evening of the year.
Easter Holidays			
3	24th April (week commencing)	Grade Improvement Activities After school Tues/Wed/Thurs	
		Countdown to Success Parent Newsletter 4	This newsletter will offer advice for students' well-being during the exam period on topics such as diet, exercise, dealing with stress and exam information.
2	1st May (week commencing)	Grade Improvement Activities After school Tues/Wed/Thurs	
1	8th May (week commencing)	Grade Improvement Activities After school Tues/Wed/Thurs	
0	15th May (week commencing)	GCSE exams begin	
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June - Half Term			
	29th June (week commencing)	Final GCSE Exam	

Grade Improvement Sessions

March	6	7	8	9	10
	GIA Afterschool CORE SUBJECTS WEEK				
		English ICT Maths Science	English ICT Maths Science	English ICT Maths Science	
March	13	14	15	16	17
	GIA Afterschool OPTION SUBJECTS WEEK				
		Drama Food French German Geography History Media Resistant Materials Spanish	Art French Geography German Graphics History Resistant Materials Spanish	French Geography German History Music PE RE Resistant Materials Spanish	
March	20	21	22	23	24
	GIA Afterschool CORE SUBJECTS WEEK				
		English ICT Maths Science	English ICT Maths Science	English ICT Maths Science	
March	27	28	29	30	31
	GIA Afterschool OPTION SUBJECTS WEEK				
		Drama Food French German Geography History Media Spanish	Art French Geography German Graphics History Spanish	French Geography German History Music PE RE Spanish	
April	3	4	5	6	7
	GIA Afterschool CORE SUBJECTS WEEK				
		English ICT Maths Science	English ICT Maths Science	English ICT Maths Science	

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April	24	25	26	27	28
	GIA Afterschool OPTION SUBJECTS WEEK				
		Drama	Art	French	
		Food	French	Geography	
		French	Geography	German	
		German	German	History	
		Geography	Graphics	Music	
		History	History	PE	
		Media	Spanish	RE	
		Spanish		Spanish	
May	1	2	3	4	5
	GIA Afterschool OPTION SUBJECTS WEEK				
		English	English	English	
		ICT	ICT	ICT	
		Maths	Maths	Maths	
		Science	Science	Science	
May	8	9	10	11	12
	GIA Afterschool OPTION SUBJECTS WEEK				
		Drama	Art	French	
		Food	French	Geography	
		French	Geography	German	
		German	German	History	
		Geography	Graphics	Music	
		History	History	PE	
		Media	Spanish	RE	
		Spanish		Spanish	
May	15	16	17	18	19
	EXAMS				