



Countdown to Success Parent Newsletter 3 (April 2017)

Forthcoming Dates:

Thursday 6th April 2017 – Parents' Evening

Update from Mrs Dean:

Firstly, a huge “Well Done” to all students!

It has been a fantastic half term with students really making every effort to improve their progress in all subjects. Second mock examinations are now complete and these have also helped students to find the gaps in their knowledge and understanding.

Students are now making full use of Academic Mentoring and Reading time to help with their revision and this time is a valuable resource for students. Academic Mentors have been really pleased with the work and commitment from students.

The Easter holidays are a time for students to relax and enjoy the time to recharge their batteries and prepare for the most important term of their school career.

Time should however, be allowed for some revision and there are subject teachers who have made time available during the Easter holidays for students to attend revision sessions.

Parents' Evening - I am unfortunately not available on this evening but please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns email: dean.d@marchesschool.net. Mr Kemble and Mrs Grassby will be available on the night to answer any queries.

Year 11 Prom – As you will be aware, our Year 11s have now been in formal education for 12 years. This will culminate in a spectacular grand finale – The Year 11 Prom. Students have been working incredibly hard over the last few months, completing coursework and keeping attendance high to ensure their attendance at the 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.

Exam Course Booklet / Countdown to Success Revision Booklets

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

A reminder that that the parents can access both booklets on the school website.

Nightclub - will recommence on Tuesday the 24th April to coincide with the GCSE run-in.

Countdown to Success

The Year 11 Countdown to Success is in its “Testing” phase. Students should be testing themselves on information that they have previously prepared and learnt. Students should be using mark schemes and past papers know to gauge their understanding and knowledge of their different subjects.

Countdown Calendar			
Countdown to Exams in weeks	Key Dates	Activity	Description
6	21st 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.
Easter Holiday			
5	11th April (week commencing)	Grade Improvement Activities After school Tues/Wed/Thurs	
4	18th April (week commencing)	Grade Improvement Activities After school Tues/Wed/Thurs	
3	25th 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	2nd May (week commencing)	Grade Improvement Activities After school Tues/Wed/Thurs	
1	9th May (week commencing)	Grade Improvement Activities After school Tues/Wed/Thurs	
0	16th May (week commencing)	GCSE exams begin	
May Half Term			
	29th June (week commencing)	Final GCSE Exam	

Easter Revision Sessions

Students who need to attend will have been invited by their teachers to the following revision sessions:

Wednesday 12th April	
English Miss Mullane (10:00-12:00) E9 Mrs Lloyd (10:00-12:00) E10	
Thursday 13th April	
English Mr Kemble (08:00- 10:00)	Maths Mr Pritchard (10:00-12:00) Mr Tudor and Dr Marsh (09:00-13:00)
Wednesday 19th April	
Health and Social Care Mrs Aymes-Johns and Mr Lloyd (10:00-15:00) Mr Jackson (11:00-14:00) E10 (English and Media Drop-in)	
Thursday 20th April	
English Mr Kemble (08:00- 10:00) Mr Jackson (11:00-14:00) E10 (English and Media Drop-in)	Maths Mr Pritchard (10:00-12:00) Mr Linn (9:00-13:00) Mr Kent (9:00-13:00)
Friday 21st April	
English Miss Mullane (10:00-12:00) E10	

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.

April	3	4	5	6	7
	GIA Afterschool CORE SUBJECTS WEEK				
		English ICT Maths Science	English ICT Maths Science	English ICT Maths Science	
	10 Easter 17 Easter				
April	24	25	26	27	28
	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	
May	1	2	3	4	5
	GIA Afterschool OPTION SUBJECTS WEEK				
		English ICT Maths Science	English ICT Maths Science	English ICT Maths Science	
May	8	9	10	11	12
	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	
May	15	16	17	18	19
	EXAMS				