



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Classcharts**

We are so pleased that we already have so many parents registered to use Classcharts. If you have not received an email with your access code, please contact the school office so that we can support you with this.

Moving forward, we aim to use Classcharts as our core communication tool within the school. As a result, Edulink will no longer be used for parental communication and will only be used for homework from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Eventually homework will also migrate to Classcharts and we will cease to use Edulink as a school.

## **Parental steering group**

As shared prior to half-term, we are really interested in parental feedback and parent or carer views on how the school can continue its improvement journey. We are looking for parents or carers who would be interested in meeting with the Principal, Mr Heal, and other members of the senior leadership team on a termly basis to discuss school priorities and ideas. Expressions of interest can be registered within this short form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1HCF2CRXPU>

## **Parental Survey**


Thank you to all the parents and carers that have already given us feedback. The survey is closing on the 11<sup>th</sup> March so please respond before then so that we can see your views of the school. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes and can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/k2WgaVY3KX>

## **Year 9 Options Evening Thursday 9th March.**


Year 9 Options Evening is next week. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and students to gain further information about their options for GCSE in anticipation of them making their final decisions very soon. Details for this event have been sent home to parents / carers this week, please check your email to ensure you have all the information for it.

## In at 8 for an 8

In at 8 for an 8 restarts next week after a short break for the mock exams, there was an excellent turn out last half term and we look forward to that commitment continuing, Science topics being covered are shown below:





# In at 8 for an 8





Who is this for?  
Year 11 students aiming for the top GCSE Combined Science grades 7, 8 or 9

What will we be doing?  
Looking at how to tackle grade 7, 8 and 9 questions

When is it?  
Thursdays @ 8 a.m. – 8.25 a.m.



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – No Session  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – C3 Quantitative Calculations Mr Aldridge 2G1  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – B5 Negative Feedback Loop Mr Grainger 2G5  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – C4 Electrolysis Mrs Norris 321  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – B6 Genetic Engineering Dr Rock 122



## Tutor Star of the Week

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Aaliyah M Ava H Muhammad M Lexie H Jenson R Jessica D Shadrach O Daniel O Sarah J Charlie T Benai N	Oliver C Saad A Charlie J Charlotte L Owen B Harvey LC	Emily TS Issay TK Joss O Nusiba E Samraj S Dawid P	Dylan E Sophie G Samim K Kelsey P Amber B Pavnik B Jack O Neve W Tyrese N	Joshua T Ethan L Orlaith M Ellie H Anya C

## Master Classes

Master classes are a great way to get additional support and guidance from subject specialists to brush up on your skills and knowledge ready for the exams. You will earn £1 off your prom ticket for each intervention that you go to, so get collecting!

Subject	Session	Time	Room and Staff
Art and Photography	Externally Set Task – Investigation Development	Monday 3 – 4pm Wednesday 3 – 4pm Thursday 3 – 4pm Friday 3 – 4pm	Mrs Harkin – T10 Mrs Birch – T11 Miss Connelly – T12 Ms Davies- Goodridge – T12 Ms Rae – CG4
Business	8 Mark Practice (Papers 1 and 2)	Monday 3 – 4pm	Mr Saeed – S11
English	English Language – Paper 1, Question 5	Monday 3 – 4pm	Ms Maton – L14
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Finalising Time Plans	Wednesday 3 – 4pm	Ms Wilson – T1
Geography	Command Words	Wednesday 3 – 4pm	Ms Kane – B16
History	American West – Consequences and Importance 8 markers	Thursday 3 – 4pm	Mrs Crabtree – A11
MFL	French – Tenses Spanish – Tenses	Friday 3 – 4pm Wednesday 3 – 4pm	Mr Mascolo – LG10 Ms Quijanes – LG8
Performing Arts	Music Intervention – Composition to a set brief & Ensemble performance prep	Wednesday 3 – 4pm	Mr Partridge & Mr King – P11 & P12
	Drama Intervention – DNA Question analysis	Wednesday 3 – 4pm	Miss Russell – PG3
RE	How to bring sources of authority into my answers	Wednesday 3 – 4pm	Ms O'Connor – C12
Science	In at 8 for an 8 – Mole Calculations	Thursday 8 – 8.30am	Mr Aldridge – 2G5
Sociology	Education and Crime – 12 markers	Wednesday – 3 - 4pm	Ms Carroll – CG2

PE	<p>The following sessions are for students who have selected these sports for the practical element of the course.</p> <p><b>Table tennis-</b></p> <p><b>Badminton-</b></p> <p><b>Trampolining-</b></p> <p><b>Theory- revision/exam technique</b></p>	<p>Friday 3-4pm until March 24<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Friday 3-4pm until March 24<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Thursday 3-4pm until March 23<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>Thursday 3-4pm</p>	<p>Mr Swinfield- New PE block</p> <p>Mr Swinfield-Sport Hall</p> <p>Mrs Hawkes- New sports block</p> <p>Mr Swinfield- S14</p>
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### Y11 Drama

Students worked extremely hard rehearsing and perfecting their performances for their upcoming exam practical exam. All students performed in front of one another, provided each other with critical feedback and offered new ideas. Students motivated each other with their performances and used the time to polish their performances ensuring their vocal and physical skills were used to communicate meaning to the audience. Our exam is in three weeks, so the pressure is on.

It could be great if parents and carers could test students on their lines at home – join in on the fun! Good effort from the students, keep it up, continue to learn your lines at home!

### Super Learning Day

Y11 Design students took part in a super learning activity on Wednesday 1st of March. We were incredibly proud of their focus and dedication on their NEW work in advance of their deadline this week. Well done Y11.

Year 11 have also completed the first week of mock exams, Well done Year 11, keep up the hard work!

Students came in on Wednesday eager to complete their NEA projects before their deadline. They spent a day exploring their evaluation opportunities of their products. They all worked very well and engaged quietly. Some students may have increased their grades drastically! All students were a credit to the school during the day.

## Year 11 – February Half Term English and Maths Intervention

Over February Half Term, selected Year 11s were invited into school for English or Maths tutoring, delivered by Pet-XI. These pupils engaged in three days of activity to help boost them in English or Maths. This was an outstanding opportunity that we will continue to offer to Year 11s, next during the Easter holiday. We were extremely impressed with the maturity of the pupils and their hard work, especially during such a short half term holiday! Here is what some of our pupils had to say about the sessions:



### **English:**

- 'It's consolidated my knowledge and helped me to remember previous knowledge from last year.'
- 'The exam question at the start and then end of the day has helped me to see my progress. I got a 1 this morning, and in the afternoon, I got a 6! So, I know I've utilised information in the lesson.'
- 'I found today useful especially in terms of how to structure my answers and going over language techniques.'



### **Maths:**

- It improved my confidence in each of the topics. If I'd stayed at home, I wouldn't have covered the same amount of work.
- 'it's a good refresher.'
- 'I probably wouldn't have revised at home, so I am glad I came, it's so helpful'
- ' So glad I came I needed a push.'
- 'This has boosted my confidence.'

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# GIRLS FOOTBALL

AGES 13-17  
THURSDAYS  
(STARTING FROM 2ND MARCH)  
5PM - 6PM

 ST. FINBARRS SPORTS  
GROUND (CV6 4DG)

+++ ALL ABILITIES WELCOME.

+++ WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS DELIVERED BY  
+++ FA LEVEL 2 COACHES.

+++ HEALTHY FOOD & DRINKS AT EVERY SESSION.



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Yours sincerely

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