

HEAD: ANDREW FISHER

19th October 2023

Dear Year 11 parents

Re: Y11 Next Steps

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Sixth Form Open Evening last night — I hope you agree that it was a fab evening, despite the weather! It may feel like it's a long way off, but before we know it our lovely Year 11 students will be heading off on study leave, sitting their exams, and taking their next steps into Further Education. We are delighted that many of our students are choosing to stay with us and that, for them, Frensham Sixth Form is the right place to continue their educational journey. We also know that some of our students would prefer to move on to a college, whether that be to study A Levels, BTECs, T-Levels, Foundation degrees, or Higher-National Diplomas. Whatever your child decides to do, we are here to support them, and you, as they make this important step in their education.

Next Steps Meetings:

With this in mind, we are pleased to invite you into school for a personalised next steps meeting so that we can support and guide you through this process. These meetings will be between you as parents, your child, and a member of staff from either the Sixth Form or Senior Leadership Teams. We know that this is a significant time in your child's life and that these decisions can be stressful, so we hope that these meetings will give you the chance to ask questions, discuss concerns, consider options and get the support that you need. If you would like to book a one-to-one meeting, you can sign up for one using this form: https://forms.office.com/e/Jb7VaiUwj0 We will do our best to accommodate your preferences for days/times, but please be aware that it may not always be possible to do so. These meetings can be held virtually on Teams for those who either cannot make it to school in person, or who would prefer to meet online — please just indicate your preference on the form. We hope to see everyone before the end of term so that your child can begin their mock exams in January confident in the knowledge that they are working towards the right goal for them. We will be in touch at the start of next half term to confirm your meetings.

Arts Award:

We hope that you enjoyed last night's Open Evening and that you came away with a good understanding of the Arts Award. I have attached the information booklet to this email so that you can look through it at your own time if you didn't get a copy last night. If you are interested in applying for an Arts Award for your child for Year 12 then you can complete the application online (https://frensham.typeform.com/awardsection) or contact the admissions team (admissions@frensham.org) for more information.

Mocks & Revision

Year 11 mock exams are now only 11 weeks' away, and students should start actively preparing for these if they haven't already. We previously sent a letter outlining the support that we're putting in place to help them to stay on track, but as a quick reminder the majority of homework tasks from next half term will be revision-focused. There will also be some drop-in sessions running, and teachers are available to provide additional support where needed – please encourage your child to reach out to their teachers with specific questions if they have them. We will be speaking to all Year 11 students tomorrow during Morning Talk about revision, exam preparation and next steps to ensure that they are clear on what they need to do to succeed as the move towards exam season.

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Key Dates:

As a reminder, here are some key dates to note which are coming up:

- Monday 4th December Friday 8th December: Creative Arts mocks (excluding Wednesday 6th December)
- January: Auditions/Portfolio interviews for Arts Award applicants (you will hear outcomes shortly after)
- Tuesday 9th January Friday 19th January: Mock exams
- Monday 5th February: Y11 Parents' Evening (in-person Teams meetings available for boarding parents)
- Friday 9th February: Y11 options deadline for Year 12 subjects

Form:

We would really appreciate if you could complete the following form to indicate your child's preferences for their next steps. Note that this is the same form to sign up for 1-1 meetings — you do not need to complete it twice! https://forms.office.com/e/Jb7VaiUwj0

We look forward to seeing you again soon, but until then have a great break!

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