

# Y11 Information Evening



Principal's Welcome

Mrs Briggs



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Key Information

Mr Hicks

## Support for your child

1. Timetabled period 6 lesson with your child's English/Maths/Science teacher.
2. Weekly review meeting where staff review each child's individual progress to plan responsive interventions.
3. Focus on targeted pastoral support from your child's learning manager.
4. Year 11 Assessment Calendar shared with students.
5. Robust online learning provision in the event of school closure.
6. Each child will be issued with revision guides free of charge.
7. Each child will receive a booklet of proposed changes to exam specifications in response to school closures.

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English Language

Mrs Russell

- Two exams. Paper 1 – 1 hour 45. Paper 2 - 2 hours.
- The reading section assesses ability to read and select relevant evidence.
- The writing section assesses ability to create ideas and write cohesively for a range of purposes and audiences.
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar are vital.
- Students will receive weekly feedback so they can monitor progress.
- You can support students by encouraging reading at home and working through revision material brought home by your child nearer the exam.

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English Literature

Mrs Russell

- Two papers. Timing TBC.
- 2021 exam will not include Anthology Poetry.
- They will be examined on: Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls and Unseen Poetry.
- The examiners are looking to see that students know these texts inside out and are able to select the most relevant details to answer the questions.
- You can support your child by testing their knowledge of the plots, using the revision guides provided by Darton, and encouraging your child to attend P6 English.

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Maths

Mr Ashley

- Three papers.
  - Paper 1 – 1 ½ hours – non calculator – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021
  - Paper 2 – 1 ½ hours – calculator – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021
  - Paper 3 – 1 ½ hours – calculator – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- Foundation tier – grades 1 to 5; higher tier – grades 3 to 9
- Practice, practice, practice.
- Weekly Hegarty homework reports – aiming for 1 ½ hours per week.

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Science

Mrs Rushforth

## **Science focus:**

To ensure that learners receive the very best teaching and learning in order to close any gaps in knowledge and skills.

## **Science specifications:**

GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy – 2 GCSEs (6 exams, 1 hour 15 minutes long).

GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics – 3 GCSEs (6 exams 1 hour 45 minutes long).

The students are assessed on their ability to recall knowledge, application skills, evaluation and enquiry skills, practical skills and maths skills.

| Biology Paper 1   | Chemistry Paper 1  | Physics Paper 1   |
|---|--|---|
| Cell biology<br>Organisation<br>Infection and response<br>Bioenergetics     | Atomic structure and the periodic table<br>Bonding, structure and the properties of matter<br>Quantitative chemistry<br>Chemical changes<br>Energy changes | Energy<br>Electricity<br>Particle model of matter<br>Atomic structure |
| Biology Paper 2   | Chemistry Paper 2  | Physics Paper 2   |
| Homeostasis and response<br>Inheritance, variation and evolution<br>Ecology | The rate and extent of chemical change<br>Organic chemistry<br>Chemical analysis<br>Chemistry of the atmosphere<br>Using resources                         | Forces<br>Waves<br>Magnetism<br>Electromagnetism<br>Space science     |



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## **Science mock exams:**

Y11 science mock exams begin 5th October.

Interventions such as director led sessions addressing widespread gaps and focussed groups will follow.

## **Parental support in science:**

Encourage home learning completion, set via Microsoft Teams or paper based e.g. Seneca, GCSEpod, past papers and revision guides.

Use of resources such as YouTube e.g. free science lessons.

Period 6 - Wednesday (B band) or Thursday (A band) every week to support their science studies.

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Careers and Post-16 progression

Mr Bond

## **Options available**

6<sup>th</sup> form College, FE College, Apprenticeship, Skilled job with training.

## **Timeline:**

**Autumn term** Attend Careers appointments.

**Spring term** Apply by end of January if possible.

Register for Apprenticeships and Traineeships.

Write your CV .

**Summer term** Accept your offers

**Who can help in school-** Myself and CareersInc are the careers support for Darton Academy and will provide:

**Careers Interviews** – to look at pathways after school and your career aims.



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Promoting positive wellbeing through the exam season

Mrs Gregory

1. Help your child understand their experience of stress.
2. Help your child plan and maintain a revision and exam routine.
3. Sleep Hygiene.
4. Diet.
5. Effective Communication.



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Mr Craig

## **Revision Strategies**

1. Scientific research shows us that certain revision techniques have a significant positive impact on student's chances of achieving in exams.
2. Similarly, some revision techniques have a negative impact on a student's chance of success.
3. Create a timetable.
4. Prioritise.
5. Revisit topics regularly.
6. Mind maps.
7. Flash cards.
8. Past questions.

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