

16 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: YEAR 11 HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER

We have been so proud of our Year 11s this term; they have worked incredibly hard throughout the mock exam period, and thereafter, working on filling knowledge gaps and going over exam techniques.

As we come towards the end of this first term, I wanted to go over some key information.

- **Exams Summer 2021**

The Government recently announced that there will be some changes to the GCSE exams. A number of measures will be put into place to free up teaching time, reduce pressure on students and allow assessments to be undertaken within current public health restrictions. More information will be released by the Government early next year and we will send you further updates on this once we receive full clarification of these amendments. What is clear, is that GCSE examinations **will** take place next summer.

- **Week commencing 05 January 2021: Compulsory Period 6 intervention**

From Tuesday 05 January 2021, all year 11 students will have period 6 intervention. Every child will finish school at 4:15, Monday – Friday. These intervention sessions have been planned following the mock exams. Teachers will be working with students to fill knowledge gaps and catch students up on any missed learning.

- **Week commencing 05 January 2021: Morning intervention**

We will be continuing with morning interventions, for all students, from Tuesday 05 January. It is vital that your child arrives to school on time, as they will be missing out on targeted intervention if they are late. These sessions start promptly at 8:30am.

- **Monday 11 January 2021: Mock Results Day**

Year 11s will be receiving their mock results on Monday 11 January. They will receive their results in a similar way as to their actual results day in August.

- **Thursday 14 January 2021: Parents' Evening**

Year 11 parents' evening will be taking place on Thursday 14 January. More information will be sent out regarding the structure of this parents evening early next year.

- **Tuesday 02 February 2021 Elevate Session: Ace Your Exams (3pm – 4:15pm)**

We are really excited to be having Elevate back in to support Year 11s with their study skills. This will be the second session focussing on exam techniques. Feedback from previous Year 11s has been incredibly positive and we know students gain a great deal from attending these sessions.

- **Christmas Holidays: Switch-off**

Our Year 11 students have been working incredibly hard and we want to ensure that they return in January with the right mindset and feeling energised. For this reason, we will **not** be setting any homework over the holidays. Students should switch off, relax and enjoy quality time with family and friends.

- **Preparing for returning to the academy: Covid-19 testing for all Year 11s in Newham**

In order to support Year 11 students to return safely to the academy after the Christmas break, Newham council have arranged for every Year 11 student to be provided with a Covid-19 swab test to be taken on 31 December 2020, 01 January or 02 January 2021 prior to returning to school. We will be sending this test home with your child on Thursday 17 December 2020. If your child is self-isolating or unwell, we will post the test out to you. Please see Appendix 1 for details on where to drop off the test. If you have any questions on this item, please email office@oasissilvertown.org by 23 December 2020. If your child has symptoms of Covid-19, you should not use this test and instead book your nearest test centre using this link www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me either by telephone or via e-mail at Mundeep.Gill@oasissilvertown.org. If your query relates to Year 11 Covid-19 testing, please email office@oasissilvertown.org by 23 December 2020.

Yours faithfully



Ms Mundeep Gill
Year 11 Achievement Lead

Enc: Appendix 1: Where to drop completed tests for Year 11 students in Newham

Appendix 1: Where to drop completed tests for Year 11 students in Newham

Where can you drop completed tests in Newham:

Newham London

Site	31/01	01/01	02/01
Stratford Library 3 The Grove, London E15 1EL	1000-1500	Closed	1000-1500
The Gate Library 2-6 Woodgrange Road, London E7 0QH	Closed	1100-1500	1000-1500
Plaistow Library 1 North St, London E13 9HL	Closed	Closed	1000-1500
Green Street Library 337-341 Green St, London E13 9AR	Closed	1100-1500	1000-1500
Custom House Library Prince Regent Lane, London E16 3HS	Closed	Closed	1000-1500
East Ham Library 96B High Street South, London E6 6EL	1000-1500	Closed	1000-1500
Canning Town Library Barking Rd, London E16 4HQ	Closed	1100-1500	1000-1500

All tests completed at home should be dropped as soon as possible after being taken to one of the local sites in Newham detailed here, or in North East London (site locations to be confirmed by other London boroughs shortly)

People at the Heart of Everything We Do