



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Update – November 2024

This week we welcomed back students from their half-term break. I hope you all enjoyed the extra time with your children, and that they are returning to school feeling rejuvenated and ready for the challenges ahead. Many students, inspired by the Open Evening, have already started completing the online application for Newstead Wood Sixth Form.

As we embark on this crucial term, our primary focus will be the upcoming November mock examinations. These assessments are vital for gauging students' understanding and progress. They also provide an excellent opportunity for teachers to identify areas where additional support may be needed. We encourage you to have open conversations with your child about their study plans, make sure they have updated their revision timetable for every day and to help them set achievable goals as they prepare. As a rule of thumb, we expect to see an improvement of 5-7% compared to end of Year 10 summer exams.

The **exams timetable** was shared with students at the end of the previous half term by our exams officer Ms Platt and is included for your convenience. The majority of exams will be sat in the Sports Hall; language listening and music will take place in classrooms. Students with confirmed access arrangements for extra time/rest breaks/word processor users will sit their exams in rooms 611, 616 or 617. Individual timetables will be emailed to students showing their exam rooms by the end of this week. If students have an exam clash their timetable will show the re-arranged exam arrangements.

We understand that this can be a stressful time for students, and their wellbeing is of utmost importance. A workshop on this is being delivered by Bromley Y in school. Form Captains will attend the workshop and then share with the rest of students. To echo what I said at the Curriculum evening and to support you in fostering a positive environment at home, I am attaching some **excellent tips from Bromley Y on managing stress and anxiety**. I encourage you to review these resources and discuss them with your child.

Additionally, I want to remind everyone that school life is about more than just exam preparation. We have a variety of societies and extracurricular activities available for students who may not be participating in intervention sessions during lunchtimes. These clubs offer a fantastic way for students to explore their interests, build friendships, and develop new skills. Please login to the [SOCS app](#) to see what clubs and societies are available every day.

I'm also proud to share some of the **achievements of our Year 11 students**, both inside and outside of school. Their hard work and dedication deserve recognition, and you can find a summary of these accomplishments, in a Year 11 Newsletter which they prepared themselves.

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Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our students navigate this important year. We want all our Year 11 students to not only achieve their full potential academically but also to find joy and fulfilment in their school experience as they prepare for their GCSE exams and transition to Sixth Form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at skoukouvitakis@newsteadwood.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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