

YEAR 11 UPDATE MARCH

THE FINAL FURLONG!

As the days begin to get longer and mornings less dark the Year 11 students of Longsands Academy are beginning to realise just how close their GCSE exams are.

The past term has been filled with a variety of positive learning opportunities for all Year 11 students, from mock results day and destinations interviews to the presentation by Elevate education on how to Ace your Exams students have seen the focus that the Academy has placed on the importance of preparing for GCSE exams. Speaking to successful students the key to success continues to be positive habits and routines. These can be fostered and supported at home by providing students with a quiet and organised work space and by encouraging students to revise daily. More ways in which you can support and encourage your child

will be discussed at the Final Furlong evening on March the 24th at 6pm in the Richie Hall. We hope to see all of you there!

We would like to congratulate Jordan Hale and Emily Jack who have been given interviews for their Arkwright engineering scholarships. Out of 1500 applicants only 400 students were given interviews. Well done and good luck! If your son or daughter has achieved something outside of school and deserves recognition please do not hesitate to inform KS4. We are always eager to hear of the incredible impact Longsands Academy students are making in our community!

Miss Furlonger

MATHS ADVICE

Students are in the process of working through several series of past papers - a new set roughly every three weeks. Each set consists of two papers, the second of which requires the use of an electronic scientific calculator. A minority of students are not attending lessons fully equipped and this is impeding progress. As well as the calculator, all students must possess a ruler, protractor and pair of compasses, spare pencils and pens.

A set of papers were done during the half term break, handed in yesterday.

During the week beginning 7th March, students will spend their four maths lessons doing a further set in full mock exam conditions.

A further set of past papers will be done during the Easter break.

Students will spend intervening weeks following up on key topics identified as being weaker areas from these exam papers.

Maths clinic is being widely used by students - every Wednesday and Thursday after school in the maths department.

Students should also be making effective use of

- the edexcel revision guides, one of which was given to each student.
- Mathswatch v1e website
- other revision websites, especially 'Corbett Maths'

SCIENCE ADVICE

Science intervention and Science clinic run every Thursday. Students who have been selected for Science intervention should know who they are, but if you are unsure please check the noticeboard outside Mr Lesurf's office.

All other students who have not been identified for needing intervention are still welcome to attend the science clinic in G14.

MFL ADVICE

After school reading and listening exam skills sessions for French on Thursdays in H1 and German on Thursdays in H3.14

HISTORY ADVICE

All students are currently sitting their History Controlled Assessment in History lessons. This constitutes 25% of the final grade. Students will need to write a 2,000 word essay, over 8 hours in examination conditions. This is obviously a crucial stage of the GCSE, and so students should treat this seriously to ensure they focus on the question and achieve the highest grade possible. The students should continue to revise for Paper 1, and in particular, their Germany Depth Study. The Revision Plan, which breaks down the specification into small chunks and relates to the Revision Guide the students have already purchased, should assist students as they prepare for this aspect of revision.

TECHNOLOGY ADVICE

Year 11 food GCSE final hand in assessment date for coursework is the 11th March.

RE ADVICE

Religion Education revision help on Mondays after school in B5. Remember to use your booklets to help you revise!

Revision	Lunch Session	Afterschool Session
MONDAY	Physical Education	Food Technology Engineering Child Development Photography & Art Music
TUESDAY	History	Textiles Child Development Maths Clinic Physical Education
WED	Child Development	Photography & Art Business Geography
THURS	Product Design	Science Engineering Maths Clinic Computer Science
FRIDAY	Product Design	