

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the year 11 team who are keen to take the year group through to a successful conclusion of their key stage 4 courses next summer. Introducing:

Mrs Devine



Mr Morgan



Miss McManus



Mr Carter



Ms Dudgeon



The tutors remain largely the same as last year and will continue to see the students each day:

11.1 Miss Anderson-Shore

11.4 Mrs Roberts

11.7 Mrs Howell

11.2 Mr Child

11.5 Mrs Geddes

11.8 Ms Coe

11.3 Mrs Ludgate

11.6 Miss Gallagher

11.9 Mrs Ruddy

Attendance

We are confident that we can improve on the attendance of 2016-17 where, while the vast majority of the year had an attendance above 95%, a small number struggled significantly and brought our average down to 94.7%. Experience shows us that students with less than 95% attendance tend to fall consistently short of their target grades. We want members of year 11 to be resilient in their approach to school as we don't want them to miss out on vital learning and revision.

We are looking forward to partnering with home in encouraging them through this highly significant year.

Graduation

We were delighted with the graduation successes of students in year 10, culminating in a fabulous day at Drayton Manor. With the Leavers' Assembly and the Leavers' prom, we have even more to look forward to this year. In order to graduate at the end of year 11, students will need to show that they are engaging with their learning and their personal progression, by gaining 100 points each term. Points will be awarded for attendance, punctuality, behaviour, progress, attitude to learning, and a range of 'magic moments' throughout the year. Students will also continue to work towards their Caludon Experience Award this year and complete the dimensions of Stage Two. Graduation events this year will include an early finish one day or a mindfulness workshop in the autumn term, pizza lunch with their tutor in the spring term and a Leavers' Assembly and Leavers' Prom at the end of the year.

Key Dates – Autumn Term

- Week beginning 16 October: After school revision sessions for non-core subjects (runs for 6 weeks)
- Friday 29 September: Teacher training day (school closed)
- Monday 6 November: Year 11 Information evening (5.30pm-6.30pm)
- Monday 27 November: Teacher training day (school closed)
- Wednesday 29 November: Post-16 opportunities evening (5.30pm-6.30pm)
- Week beginning 4 December: After school revision sessions for core subjects (runs for 6 weeks)
Mock exams
GCSE Drama performances – Monday and Wednesday (4pm-7pm)
- Tuesday 19 December: Early finish or Mindfulness workshop for those on course for graduation
- Week beginning 18 December: School show – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening (7pm)
- Thursday 21 December: Last day of the Autumn Term

The Post-16 opportunities evening is not just about Caludon Castle Sixth Form – it looks at all opportunities from college courses to apprenticeships as well. Parents have told us that previous information evenings were the most useful evenings they had attended, as they learnt so much and had their questions answered. Parents who attend this year will be entered into a raffle for a £25 shopping voucher.

We look forward to seeing you at various events over the course of what we hope will be a most successful year.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs Devine
Year leader

Handwritten signature of Mr Morgan in cursive.

Mr Morgan
Deputy Head

Handwritten signature of Miss McManus in cursive.

Miss McManus
Head of Maths

Handwritten signature of Mr Carter in cursive.

Mr Carter
Senior Assistant Head
& Head of KS4

Handwritten signature of Ms Dudgeon in cursive.

Ms Dudgeon
Associate Head