



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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27th September 2024

GCSE Information Evening

Homework & Study Plus

Dear Parent/Carer

In the small number of days that year 11 have been in school, it has been fantastic to see pupils' positive attitude towards their studies.

As you can imagine, year 11 is one of the most crucial times of any child's education. The outcomes from it will not only have a profound impact on your child's choices beyond school but will also be the most influential factor when starting their career.

Your support throughout this journey will enable them to achieve their best.

So that you are fully informed of the plan for the year ahead, you are invited to a GCSE information evening. This will take place on **Thursday 10th October at 5.00 pm** in the main hall. During the evening, there will be:

- Advice on how you can support your child
- Information about the courses studied and important dates
- Subject-specific workshops
- Advice about joining our Sixth Form

Please collect your personalised information booklet in O'Donnell Hall on arrival. Your child should also attend in full school uniform.

Another form of support we offer is '**Homework & Study Plus**'. The purpose of this is to support pupils who may need targeted intervention. These intervention lessons take place from Monday to Thursday between 3:15pm and 4:00pm and will commence from Tuesday 1st October. Attendance is compulsory when requested by a subject teacher. You can find the timetable for this at the end of this letter.



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NEA

Some subjects have NEA (Non-exam assessment). The work from this contributes towards the final grade. Deadlines for the completion of this are set by the exam boards. If the NEA is not completed by the deadline, this will substantially impact the overall grade. If your child studies one of the subjects below, it is imperative that they meet the deadlines set.

Subject	Milestones to be met	Deadline	Milestones to be met	Deadline	Milestones to be met	Deadline	Milestones to be met
Creative iMedia	R094 Digital Graphics coursework Task 1	14th Nov 2024	R094 Digital Graphics coursework Task 2	30th Jan 2025	R094 final deadline/resubmission after feedback given.	13th Feb 2025	
NCFE Interactive Media	Synoptic assessment	4th April 2025					
Art	60% Coursework Deadline	25th October 2024	Completion of any incomplete work from year 10, including an A2 final piece.	29th November 2024	Create a new design (an A2 final from year 11 mock exam) based on the same topic started in year 10, enhance the design with new materials and artist (s).	13th December 2024	Final completing of all evidence of work based on a project started in year 10. This also includes an A2 final piece from year 10 and a new A2 design complete during mock exam in year 11.
Hospitality & Catering	60% coursework deadline	7th April 2025					
Media Studies	Final draft of coursework (pupils have access to Canva and should be completing this in their own time at home)	25th October 2024	Final completion of coursework to be submitted to exam board	29th November 2024	Revision of Component 1 and introduction of Newspapers	19th December 2024	
DT	Final GCSE coursework deadline: 20 slides	7th April 2025					
Health & Social Care	Controlled assessment for Component 2. Pearson Set Assignment (PSA) released on 1st September. Students research information and prepare notes in lessons, with time dedicated to completing the assessment	Assessment window: 1st September - 15th December					

Homework

Academic success for all pupils lies in their ability to demonstrate positive learning behaviours both in class and at home. It is vital that as your child approaches these final stages of year 11, they are engaged in study at home. With the large amount of content that pupils must cover as part of their studies, time should be spent committing it to long-term memory through revision. Spending time at home to do this will further enhance their chances of success in the summer exams. Your support in making sure this is done would be much appreciated.



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You can also follow how your child is doing via Class Charts. This is the principal means of communication we use between school and home.

Please also save the dates:

Tuesday 22nd November 2024. We will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening and Careers Convention at 5:00pm. We will send you more information about this very soon.

Thursday 5th December: Year 11 Parents' Evening.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 10th October.

Mr McDonald

Assistant Head Teacher

Miss Brady

Head of Year 11

****Homework /Study Plus timetable overleaf***



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Homework/Study Plus 2024-2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Week 1	Science	Option C	Option D	RS
Week 2	Maths	Option B	Option A	English

Option			
A	B	C	D
DT - Mrs Zannar	Comp Science - Mr Edge	Art - Mrs Hawkins	Art - Mrs Mackuin
DT - Mr Francioso	French - Mrs Walton	Bus - Mrs Maitland – Powell	Bus - Mrs Maitland – Powell
H&C - Ms Sewell	French - Mr Simmons	DT - Mrs Zannar	Comp Sci - Mr Ahmed
Geography - Mr Newman	Geography - Mr Royston	DT - Mr Lakin	DT - Mr Lakin
History - Mr Jones	Geography - Mrs Ruck	H&C - Ms Jaka	DT - Mr Meredith
History - Mr Pearce	History - Mr Jones	Geography - Mr Royston	Sport - Mrs Burnham
Spanish - Miss Cook	History - Miss Salter	Sport - Mr Hemmings	History - Mrs McMahon
	History - Mr Kenyon	History - Mr Pearce	HSC - Mrs Steele
	iMedia - Mr Ellis	HSC - Mrs Benton	iMedia - Mrs Rose
	Spanish - Ms Evans	Music - Mr Dixon	Media Std- Mrs Yeomans

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