



## Year 11 Newsletter

December 2013

### Year 11 Mock Exams

A reminder that year 11 mock exams begin on Monday 9th December. All students have been given an individual timetable. A generic one has been sent out via parentmail and is also available on the school website. We are also offering a free breakfast that is available between 8.10 and 8.30 each morning in exchange for a ticket already given to students. Anyone else wishing to sign up for breakfast should see Mr Pendlebury or Mrs Craig. We wish all students the very best of luck in these important exams.



### Year 11 Attendance

Currently the overall attendance of Year 11 students stands at 96%. This is a fantastic achievement and will put students in a very strong position. For their examinations and when looking at applications for the 6th Form.

The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a pupil is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential.

### Attitude to Learning

I am very pleased to report that a number of students have achieved ATL grades of Excellent in all their subjects in one of the last 2 data captures. The following students should be congratulated:

Alessandra Barrow	Jenna Elliott	LucyGuyatt	Izzy Horler
James Kent	Jessica Lawrence	Peter Nelson	Alex Payne
Mark Slatter	Joanna Thurman-Baker	Bryana Webber	Jacob Weiss

**MORE ENERGY** – A healthy breakfast can provide your body with the nutrients that you need to stay energized for several hours.

**FITNESS** – It is believed that people who eat breakfast have more energy and therefore may participate in more physical activity than people who skip breakfast.

**FOCUS** – People who eat breakfast have an easier time focusing and are more productive throughout the morning than people who skip breakfast.

**MEMORY** – Eating breakfast improves memory and learning.

## Maths News

The GCSE examinations are fast approaching and as part of the Mathematics department's revision package we would like to offer the opportunity to purchase the Pearson GCSE Mathematics revision guide and workbook for the discount price of £4 instead of £7.98 to support your child's studies and exam revision. These guides and workbooks have colourful, 'student-friendly' worked through exam practice questions (with answers) and hints and tips, created for the Edexcel Mathematics GCSE Specification A syllabus.

If you would like to order a set for your child please complete the slip below and return to Mrs Dean in Resources together with a cheque or cash for £4 by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Please make cheques payable to Great Marlow School.

## Department News

**Congratulations to all the Year 11 GCSE Geographers who have now completed their controlled assessment** - where they had to prove that Bournemouth is a successful and thriving tourist destination. The visit to Bournemouth back in July seems so long ago now but the hard work and dedication shown by students has been rewarded with some excellent pieces of coursework. All of the geography teachers have been impressed with the quality of students' work with many producing creative and individualistic work that exceeds their target grades for the

GCSE course overall. This will give them an extra boost when it comes to the final exams in June.



Bournemouth – “a successful and thriving tourist destination”

## Food and Textiles Technology

The Department would like to express their sincere gratitude to all the parents of our Food Technology students for supporting the experimental work group ordering scheme. This has given all our students equal access to good and quality developed products which allowed them to make informed decisions towards their final practical tasks. Thank you once again.

The Textiles students started the practical aspect of their controlled assessment task on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, 2013 and they need 20 hours of lesson time to complete all their products. The final lesson will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, 2014. May we please ask that students do not miss any of their lessons during this period so that they can complete all their products to very good a standard. Additional support is available after-school on Thursdays.

**The final deadline for all Controlled Assessment tasks in Food and Textiles Technology is the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2014.**

*We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the annual Fashion Show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2014 at 6:30pm in the school's main hall. The products on the catwalk and food at the reception will be produced by our KS4 and 5 students*

# New prefects

Congratulations to the following students who were recently awarded the position of prefect :

Daniel Back	Scott North
Freddie Eastman	George Oliver
James Farrington	Nicole Ruffell
Alex Green	Scarlett Roberts
James Howey	Bobby Spalding
Tom Lutteman	Shannon Tyler
Danusia Maltby	Chantonie Wharton
Filiz Moore	Emily Wright



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*Drama dates: 10th March—Visiting Theatre Group  
19th March—GCSE Moderation*

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## GCSE PE

GCSE moderation :

**Fri 7th Feb** - Swimming and Personal Survival 4pm - 5pm at Pipers Corner

**Tues 11th Feb** - Skiing and snowboarding 4pm- 5.30pm at Hemel Ski Centre

**Sat 26th April** - Revision morning with Kirk Beasley - examiner and author of GCSE PE text books

**Moderation Day** is between 31st March - 1st May. All students are required to participate as part of the examination.

### Supporting your child:

Your son/daughter has been advised to sign up to a website called Edmodo and has been given a classroom code to access any information that is relevant to GCSE PE, this can be used as an additional support to the VLE. Once your child has signed up to the room it will allow parental access through a parent code which your child can access. When parents sign up this will allow you to see homework and other resources that are being recommended in lessons.

### Useful apps and websites:

Free:

Quizlet - a revision app and website for all subjects making revision of key words through games and flip cards.

Study blue - another revision app and website similar to quizlet useful for all subjects

App: Edexcel past papers - available as an app and on the website to access past papers and mark schemes

A revision magazine relevant to GCSE PE <http://flip.it/lzDtr>

Small cost: A variety of apps to help revision App: GCSE PE

App: I am learning: GCSE PE

App: PE GCSE

Please be wary of irrelevant content. Either search Edexcel GCSE PE or ignore any content that we have not covered in lessons as some GCSE boards do cover slightly different content. Please see a copy of the Edexcel spec for further clarification.

Twitter accounts:

@RevisePE

@GCSEPEGuru

You Tube revision channels

HawkleyHallPE - GCSE PE podcasts

## Communication

I would like to improve the communication between school and home by sending a Y11 newsletter every half term. Please would you ensure that if your email address or any other details have changed that you inform the school. If you have received a hard copy of this document, it means you are not registered on parentmail. Please complete the attached document and return to the school and we can ensure your details are registered.

## Future Events

### December 2013

Mon 9th—Fri 13th

Wed 18th / Thurs 19th

Fri 20th

### January 2014

Mon 6th

Mon 20th

**Thur 23rd**

Mon 27th

Fri 31st

Mock Exams

School Production

End of Term— Finish 1pm

Return to school

Progress reports home

**Year 11 Parents Evening 4.30—7.30**

6th form Taster Sessions all week

Careers Day (in school)



## Great Marlow 6th Form

I hope you found the 6th Form Evening and prospectus informative. If you have any questions regarding the suitability of your son or daughter for any courses, please refer to their subject teachers for the most accurate advice.

Please be aware that the deadline for applications is **Friday 14th February 2014**

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