

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 11

2011-12

| DATE | WHAT'S HAPPENING? | WHAT DO I NEED TO DO? |
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| AUTUMN TERM 2011 | Progress Checks: Writing of PCs will commence 10th October. | Work to the best of your abilities <u>NOW!</u> You will receive your PC shortly after Half Term. |
| September & October | Group interviews with Jo Hooke (Careers Adviser) for prospective 6 th Form students. | Attend your Careers interview for information regarding 6 th Form. |
| <i>Friday 30th September</i> | <i>Year 10 Science script return deadline: See Mr Jeffries, Exams Officer (A22).</i> | <i>£9 - script back £45 - remark</i> |
| Monday 3 rd October | City College online prospectus goes 'live' today, so you can apply for courses from now. | If you are considering a CONSTRUCTION related course, think about applying <u>NOW</u> as they fill up VERY quickly. DO NOT DELAY !!! Jo Hooke (Careers Adviser) will be contacting prospective College students from today. |
| <i>Friday 7th October</i> | <i>Deadline for checking January exam entry statements.</i> | <i>Any errors – see Mr Jeffries, Exams Officer (A22).</i> |
| Friday 7 th October | Careers Assembly to discuss Post 16 Options. | Make sure you attend so you are aware of all of the opportunities available to you after Year 11. |
| Saturday 15 th October | Warwickshire College Open Day (10am-1pm): Moreton Morrell Centre and Pershore College. | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |
| Tuesday 18 th October | Warwickshire College Open Evening (5.30-8pm): Rugby Centre and Trident Centre (Warwick). | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |
| Wednesday 19 th October | Warwickshire College Open Evening (5.30-8pm): Henley-in-Arden Centre. | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |
| Thursday 20 th October | Warwickshire College Open Evening (5.30-8pm) Leamington Spa Centre. | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |
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| Monday 24 th October <i>(revised)</i> | Moreton Morrell Taster Day (9.30am-4pm): An opportunity to attend a practical hands-on session in Equine, Animal Welfare, Vet Nursing, Countryside Management, Horticulture and Arboriculture. | This Open Day is during Half Term and is ALWAYS over-subscribed because it is so good! If you are interested in attending, check the website: www.warwickshire.ac.uk (taster days), call: 01926 884814 or email: jjack@warkscoll.ac.uk |
| Monday 31 st October | Reference Writing: Mentors will begin writing Year 11 School References. Your reference will be forwarded to Colleges, other 6 th Forms, Training Providers and Employers upon request. | REMEMBER... To get the best possible Year 11 School Reference it is up to you to attend every day, be punctual, behave well in school, get involved and work to the best of your abilities! |
| Thursday 3 rd November | Year 11 Study Skills Evening. | Attend with your parents/carers to gain valuable information regarding Year 11 study techniques. |
| Tuesday 8 th November | Henley College Open Evening (5.30-8pm). | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |
| <i>Wednesday 9th November</i> | <i>Early Entry Maths Exam (morning).</i> | <i>Details to follow.</i> |
| Friday 11 th November | Stratford-upon-Avon College Open Evening (6-8pm) | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |
| Saturday 12 th November | Stratford-upon-Avon College Open Morning (10.30am-12noon) | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |
| <i>Monday 14th November</i> | <i>GCSE Modular Maths Exam.</i> | <i>REVISE!!! This is only 7 weeks (30 school days) away!!!</i> |
| <i>Monday 14th November</i> | <i>Early Entry Maths Exam (morning).</i> | <i>Details to follow.</i> |
| Tuesday 15 th November | City College Open Evening (5-7.30pm). | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |

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| Tuesday 15 th November | Whole School Learning Conversations: 2pm onwards. | A chance for parents/carers to meet with teachers and set targets for the forthcoming year. |
| Wednesday 16 th November | Whole School Learning Conversations: All Day. | A chance for parents/carers to meet with teachers and set targets for the forthcoming year. |
| Thursday 17 th November | GCSE Maths Modular Exam. | Sets 4 and 5 will be taking this exam. |
| Monday 21 st November | A day off!!! Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday. | Enjoy your day off school and pack some revision in ready for your Mock Exams! |
| Tuesday 22 nd November | 6 th Form Open Evening (6.30-8.30pm): A chance to see what AS and A Level courses are on offer and find out about the IB. | If you are interested in applying for Finham Park 6 th Form, you should attend. You can talk to teachers and current students about courses. |
| Friday 25 th November | GCSE MOCK EXAMS COMMENCE! See your individual timetable for dates, times and locations. | REVISE!!! This is only 9 weeks (40 school days) away!!! |
| Monday 28 th November | GCSE MOCK EXAMS CONTINUE: (All week, ending on Friday 2 nd December) | REVISE!!! |
| Monday 12 th Tuesday 13 th and Wednesday 14 th December | 6 th Form Taster Lessons. | Details to follow from Mr Downie. |
| Thursday 15 th December | GCSE MOCK RESULTS DAY. | Brace yourselves! |

CHRISTMAS BREAK: 17.12.11 – 04.01.12

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| SPRING TERM 2012 | COURSEWORK DEADLINES for core and option subjects: These differ for individual subjects and can represent up to 60% of your total mark. | Plan your time. Organise your work and prioritise it accordingly to ensure everything is handed in on time. |
| Tuesday 3 rd January | Year 11 Report Writing: Mentors, subject teachers and College Heads begin to write your final school report! | Colleges, 6 th Forms, Training Providers and Employers will often want to see your final school report, so work hard and try your best at all times. |
| Monday 9 th January | GCSEs (January Season) COMMENCE: 4 weeks. This includes any Science re-takes Timetables distributed in November. | REVISE!!! This is only 15 weeks (60 school days) away!!! |
| Saturday 21 st January | Warwickshire College Open Day (10am-1pm): Moreton Morrell Centre and Pershore College. | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |
| Monday 23 rd January | Warwickshire College Open Evening (5.30-8pm): Leamington Spa and Trident (Warwick) Centres. | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |
| Wednesday 25 th January | Henley College Open Evening (5.30-8pm). | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |
| Tuesday 24 th January | Warwickshire College Open Evening (5.30-8pm): Henley-in-Arden Centre. | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |
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| Monday 30 th January | GCSE's (January Season) CONTINUE: Last exam on Friday 3 rd February. | REVISE!!! |
| Wednesday 1 st February | City College Open Evening (5-7.30pm). | Final Open Day... visit and apply now! |
| Thursday 2 nd February | Year 11 Parents' Evening (4-7pm): In the Sports Hall (tbc). | A chance for your parents/carers to meet with subject teachers to discuss your progress. |
| Friday 10 th February | Deadline for checking Summer Exam Entry Statements. | Any errors – see Mr Jeffries, Exams Officer (A22). |

HALF TERM: 11.02.12 – 19.02.12

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| HALF TERM | COURSEWORK CLINICS. Details to follow nearer the time. | Come into school during half term and work 1:1 with your subject teachers. |
| Monday 13 th February (revised) | Moreton Morrell Taster Day (9.30am-4pm): An opportunity to attend a practical hands-on session in Equine, Animal Welfare, Vet Nursing, Countryside Management, Horticulture and | This Open Day is during Half Term and is ALWAYS over-subscribed because it is so good! If you are interested in attending, check the website: www.warwickshire.ac.uk (taster days), call: 01926 |

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| | Arboriculture. | 884814 or email: jjack@warkscoll.ac.uk |
| March 2012 | Mr Motivator (Action Jackson): More information to follow. | Attend these motivational sessions specifically designed for Year 11 students. |
| Friday 2 nd March | Year 11 Year Group Photo. | Are you looking good? Spruce yourself up for this memento of your final year at Finham Park School. |
| Monday 5 th March | Year 11 Progress Check 2. | Progress Checks to see how things are progressing and what you need to work on. |
| Thursday 8th March | GCSE (January Season) RESULTS DAY. | Fingers crossed you did as well as you hoped! |
| Wednesday 21 st March & Thursday 22 nd March | Skills West Midlands Careers Event at New Bingley Hall, Birmingham: This is the biggest skills and careers event happening in the region. Aimed at 14-19 year olds this free event will inspire and motivate. Hands on interactive features will give you a chance to get a real taste of different future career options whatever your dreams or ambitions. | 9.30am-3.00pm and 5.00pm-7.00pm (Wednesday) 9.30am-3.00pm (Thursday) Book via the website: www.skillswestmidlands.co.uk |
| Monday 26 th March | Henley College Open Evening (5.30-8pm). | Visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses! |

EASTER BREAK: 06.04.12 – 22.04.12

| EASTER BREAK | REVISION SUPPORT CLASSES | Small, group-support sessions to boost grades. |
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| Monday 2 nd April <i>(revised)</i> | Moreton Morrell Taster Day (9.30am-4pm): An opportunity to attend a practical hands-on session in Equine, Animal Welfare, Vet Nursing, Countryside Management, Horticulture and Arboriculture. | This Open Day is during Half Term and is ALWAYS over-subscribed because it is so good! If you are interested in attending, check the website: www.warwickshire.ac.uk (taster days), call: 01926 884814 or email: jjack@warkscoll.ac.uk |
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| Wednesday 2 nd May | Star-Studded Celebration of Success Evening. | Details to follow... |
| Monday 14th May | FINAL GCSE EXAMS COMMENCE: 6 weeks. See your individual timetable for dates, times and locations. | Keep on top of your revision! Timetables will be issued in March. |
| Saturday 19 th May | City College School Leavers' OPEN FUN DAY (12noon-4pm) | Pop along and see what City College is all about. There is still time to apply, but don't delay!! |
| Friday 1 st June | Year 11 Leavers' Assembly. | Your final assembly all together as a year group. Look back on your time at Finham Park and look forward to your bright futures ☺ |

HALF TERM: 02.06.12 – 10.06.12

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| Monday 11th June | GCSE EXAMS CONTINUE: 3 more weeks. | Make sure you do plenty of revision over half term! |
| Wednesday 13 th June | Stratford-upon-Avon College Open Morning (6.30-8pm). | Final Open Day... visit and apply now! |
| Monday 18 th June | Warwickshire College Open Evening (5.30-8pm): Leamington Spa Centre. | Final Open Day... visit and apply now! |
| Wednesday 20 th June | Warwickshire College Open Day (5.30-8pm): Moreton Morrell, Pershore and Rugby centres. | Courses will be filling up... have you applied yet? Phone for details of Open Days in July. |
| Friday 29th June | GCSE EXAMS END. | Breathe a big sigh of relief and give yourself a massive pat on the back for working so hard! |

Friday
6th July

Year 11 Leavers' Ball.

The event of the year!!! Anybody who's anybody will be there, so get your fancy frocks and spectacular suits ready to **CELEBRATE** the end of Year 11 in style!!! 😊

FAQS

- What is being done to help me?

Your College Head is currently looking at the Year 10 Reports, Progress Reports and your GCSE predicted grades. If you are at risk of missing your target, they will meet with you during the coming weeks. Initially, this means those of you who are at risk of not achieving 5 A* - C GCSE passes INCLUDING English and Maths.

- Why do I need 5 A* - C GCSEs including English and Maths?

You need this because this benchmark guarantees students a place on most 6th Form courses. Obviously, for those of you hoping to obtain a place at a top university in 2 years time, this may NOT be enough and you should be aiming as high as possible.

- What should I be doing in the coming weeks?

Purchase revision guides, visit revision websites, attend relevant careers events and open evenings. If you are having any difficulties, speak to your Subject Teacher, Mentor or College Head – that is what we are here for!

- What about holidays?

Make sure you do not book any holidays during this time.

- How can CSWP Careers (formerly Connexions) help?

You can use the Careers office for research at lunchtimes. Jo Hooke will be happy to help you with applications and get you any information you may need. You will receive your Route 14-19 password and username when you have your careers guidance interview. Jo will be attending future assemblies and the 6th Form Open Evening in November

Remember you should have a back-up plan and be applying for more than one option should you not be successful with your first choice.

All Year 11's will receive a Careers Guidance interview with Jo Hooke in Careers. You are encouraged to use the Careers library at lunchtimes - please check the notice on the door for times and dates when Jo is present in school. If you have any questions about this, please pop in.

- When is GCSE Results Day?

Thursday 23rd August...