

6 September 2011

Letter to All Year 11 Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 15 September 2011

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Head of Key Stage 4 and remind you to attend our forthcoming Year 11 Parents' Evening.

As you may already be aware, I am familiar with pupils in Key Stage 4 through my work as Citizenship and PSHEe Co-ordinator and I have had the pleasure of working with many on a one to one basis. I confirm that Simon Bellamy, who worked with pupils in Year 10 in Key Stage 3, will be joining the Key Stage 4 Team as Assistant Head of Key Stage 4.

Year 11 is undoubtedly the most important year so far in your child's education. The effort, dedication and determination shown over the next 9 months is crucial to opening doors to the brightest possible future. I am looking forward to supporting all of our pupils to ensure they can achieve the best possible academic and personal outcomes this year and I would like to see them leave us as active, well informed learners who can forge confident pathways in an ever changing world.

Pupils in Year 11 help set an example for the whole school and I therefore expect all our pupils to show respect to all members of the school community, to be engaged in their learning and make every effort to enjoy their time at Deer Park.

I believe that the best results for pupils are achieved when staff, pupils and parents work together. I therefore look forward to welcoming you personally to the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 15 September 2011. This will be an invaluable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with his/her teachers, ask any further questions about grades on your child's next step report and find out what preparations can be made to maximise his/her performance in the GCSE Mock exams in November. To provide additional information and guidance Libby Reed from Cirencester College has been invited.

An appointment system will operate in order to avoid unnecessary queuing. An appointment card will be issued by Tutors and pupils will see their teachers during lessons and write down an agreed appointment. Appointments can be made between 6.00pm and 8.30pm. It might help if you suggest the earliest time you can make by marking this on the appointment card.

As you will be aware, some teachers have more than one Year 11 class and will find it difficult to see all parents. If you are unable to see a particular teacher, you may contact staff by email; addresses can be found on the school's website.

Please sign the appointment card and ask your child to show this to their Tutor so that we can check that you have received all the information. Your child is very welcome to accompany you on the night, but please bring the card with you as this shows where staff will be. Please do not hesitate to contact me or another member of the Key Stage 4 Team should you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress in Year 11.

I look forward to meeting you on Thursday 15 September 2011.

Yours sincerely

James Johnson
Head of Key Stage 4