

15 November 2018



Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING, 6 DECEMBER AND ASPIRE TO ACHIEVE DAY, 7 DECEMBER

On **6 December**, Year 11 parents are invited into the Academy to meet with their son/daughter's subject teachers to talk about their progress and how best to support them in their studies. The evening will run **from 4.00pm until 7.00pm** and we would ask you to sign in at the Main Reception. On arrival, students will be handed their mock examination results. These results will identify study priorities and focus students on their final preparations leading up to exams, so they carry significant symbolic and academic value.

Besides the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with individual subject teachers, there will be a **presentation by Michele Miller at 7.15pm**. Michele is an educational consultant working with schools across the South East, whose expertise is teaching and learning.

Ms Miller has many years of experience supporting the psychological aspects of learning. She provides guidance for students so that they understand what effective revision is and how to prepare mentally for their examinations. Michele will be working extensively with students on their **Aspire to Achieve Day on 7 December**. We are delighted she can also present to parents during Parents' Evening, when she will share the latest research and advice on how to help your child emotionally and psychologically during this important time.

As usual, you can book your parents' evening appointments at <https://srwa.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>. You will need to use your **child's full name and date of birth** to gain access, as well as the email address we hold for you on our system. Once you have logged in, you will be guided through the booking process. You can also confirm your attendance at the presentation on the same booking site.

To maximise appointments, we are asking that parents book in to see just one science teacher who will be able to discuss your child's results across all three sciences.

Unfortunately, we are only able to offer short meetings on this occasion, so if you feel there are matters that need to be discussed in more detail, you are entitled to request a longer meeting with your son/daughter's subject teacher or with their mentor on an alternative date.

If you do not have access to the internet, your son/daughter can arrange appointments via their subject teachers, or alternatively we can assist you in our main reception where you can log in on a laptop to make your appointments.

At parents' evening you will also have another chance to collect the **Year 11 Parent Handbook**, containing practical information and advice on supporting your child in partnership with the teachers and pastoral team at SRWA.

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We are also excited to share the arrangements for our **Year 11 Aspire to Achieve Day on Friday 7 December** - a bespoke day when year 11 students will attend workshops and presentations focused on raising their aspirations and practicing the skill sets they need to achieve their best - academically and personally.

Although this is an Inset Day, all year 11 students need to attend and the day will start as usual at 8.50am where students will gather in the ASPIRE courtyard to register and receive their individual programme. There will be workshops on revision timetabling and revision techniques, stress management and relaxation and raising aspirations. These will be differentiated as students have varied skill sets for learning, revision and organisation. A typical student timetable for the day will look like this:

8.50am	Session 1	Break	Workshops	Lunch	Workshops	2.15pm
Registration and Welcome	Michele Miller - Study Skills Session		1. Yoga and Relaxation 2. Revision Timetabling		1. Stress Management 2. Raising Aspirations	Review End of the day

Staff and students will eat lunch together in the Plaza. Students will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and refreshments for the day as there will be no canteen facilities. Those students eligible for free school meals will have their lunch provided. Students are requested to dress in comfortable clothes.

We look forward to seeing you all at parents' evening and would ask that you work with us to promote the importance and benefits to your child, of participating fully in the Aspire to Achieve Day.

Should you have any questions about the parents' evening or Aspire to Achieve Day, please do not hesitate to contact either your son/daughter's mentor or chapter leader. Should you require assistance with the booking system, please contact the Academy's Administration Office.

Yours faithfully



Kieran Scanlon
Principal