



NEWSLETTER

GUERNSEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

and

SIXTH FORM CENTRE

December 2015



Reviews

Since half term all students have received an Autumn Review. The Review process allows students, parents/carers and teachers to reflect on student learning and progress, identifying areas of strength and further development. Support materials are contained in Student Planners (for Years 7-11) and Personal Development Portfolios (for Sixth Form). Review Guidance for parents is available on our website <http://web.grammar.sch.gg>. Please take the opportunity to support your children with their reflections on their learning and progress in the first term of the academic year.

Mock Examinations

GCSE: Friday 8 January – Wednesday 13 January

Year 11 students will be expected to attend at all times during this period where staff will be able to support them during this crucial time.

AS Level: Wednesday 6 — Thursday 7 January

- Year 12 AS students will not be required to attend their normal timetabled lessons; study spaces will be available for them to revise.
- Year 12 IB students will be expected to attend lessons as normal.
- Year 13 students taking AS courses will sit mock papers; normal timetabled lessons will continue at all other times.

Students should arrive 10 minutes before the stated time on their examination timetable and ensure they are familiar with the examination regulations available on [google drive. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B7VBx8UbLvjiZij3blpsWEhUcXc](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B7VBx8UbLvjiZij3blpsWEhUcXc)

Revision

Preparing for examinations can be a stressful time for students. Ensuring they are well prepared and organised is key to reducing stress and students achieving their best.

The Christmas holiday is a very busy time for families and it is very important that our students ensure they are rested and able to take part in family festivities, as appropriate. Our advice is that there is an appropriate balance between these activities and revision. Little and often is better than cramming; remember, students are *revising* what they have already learned.

IB and A Level Practice Examinations

IB: Tuesday March - Friday 4 March

A level: April/May during lesson and PEP time

Fundraising

- **Children In Need:** £3,721.98.
- **PTA Autumn Fayre:** £7,396.00.
- **Carol Services:** £879.33, supporting Jonah Gillingham, Dementia UK and Oxfam - Syria Crisis Appeal.

Thank you to all students, staff and parents for their support of these events. Alongside support for other charities, such as The Rwanda Appeal, we have raised over **£12,000** since September. This is a fantastic achievement; well done to all!

End of Term

Mufti day free of charge — Friday 18 December
(Christmas jumpers optional)

Celebration Assembly 12.00—1.00pm
(Students dismissed; buses will not be running and students who do not walk to school will need to be collected).

Spring Term

Monday 4th January: staff training day
Tuesday 5th January: students return

Sixth Form Information Day

- Thursday 28 January for Year 11 students from this school, the High Schools and Colleges.

It is hoped the day will enable students to meet subject staff, gain a detailed view of the content of courses, assess the suitability of these courses to meet their needs and abilities and finalise their course choices for Sixth Form.

In order to facilitate the arrangements and smooth running of the day, Year 13 students will not be required to attend their normal timetabled lessons and it is helpful that they work from home. Appropriate independent learning activities will be identified by their teachers.

Student Achievements

Netball

Year 7: League and tournament winners (undefeated all season)

Year 8: League and tournament runners up

Year 9: League and tournament winners (undefeated all season)

Year 10: League runners up and 3rd place in tournament

Year 11: Tournament winners

Badminton

Key Stage 3 Girls badminton team won the Island Schools' badminton league, winning all matches.

Key Stage 4 team—runners up

Football

1st XI Football – Top of the league with other teams still to play their final matches

Year 9 Boys: League winners.

Jack Medhurst — represented England in Australia in the **World Indoor Nets Championships**.

Jay Piset — selected to represent **England Under 16 Hockey**, the only under 14 player to be selected

Jack Ewins and Laura Cashin both made it to the penultimate round of the selection process for their respective **England hockey team**

Ed Mason won the **National Boys Under 18 steeplechase**.

Annalise Munro represented Guernsey in the **Youth Commonwealth Games in Samoa**.

Jack Hoskins — 11th in his age category for the **National Cycling Time Trial Championships**.

Tom Snell had 3 new **motor racing** class records in the sprint/hill climb in Alderney.

Jack Ewins and Laura Cashin — accepted on the **English Hockey High Performance Assessment Camp**.

Imogen Conlan — finalist in the **Sovereign Art Competition**.

Tia Jones, Joseph Bourgaize, Deanna Ferguson and Cameron Allett won the **Maths Team Challenge**.

Congratulations to everyone!

Please continue to let us know about all the wonderful things your children are doing.

Communication

Regular information is sent to parents via text and email. Our system is always kept up to date however, if you do not receive emails/texts from us this could be because we do not have up to date information for you. If this is the case, please email cewin@grammar.sch.gg stating your child's name and the email address/mobile number we should use on our system.

Healthy Eating

From January the school Canteen will adhere to the Food in Guernsey Schools (FIGs) Standards. We have set up a School FIGs group and taking on board feedback from students, menus have been adapted for both break and lunchtimes. We hope that this will be a success and look forward to how we might further support the vendor, staff and students in facilitating affordable, healthy eating.

Further information in the New year will be published for parents/carers by the Education Department. If you are interested in being part of the GGS&SFC FIGs group please e-mail cewin@grammar.sch.gg

Please ensure students who bring a packed lunch that it adheres to the FIGs guidelines (available via our website) refrain from giving fizzy drinks, chocolate and sweets.

Healthy eating enables more effective learning!

Traffic and Car Park

Please help us to ensure a smooth flow of traffic by:

- Drop off and collection points at the furthest possible point away from the car park entrance/exits/zebra crossing.
- Pull into the left or right to allow other cars to pass refraining from pulling into staff car parking spaces

Please do not block entrances to the residents' car park opposite the school

Dates for the Diary

Y12 Parents' Evening: 21 January

Sixth Form Information Day: 28 January

Year 13 Home Study: 28 January

Y11 Parents' Evening: 4 February

Year 7 Parents' Evening: 11 February

Half Term: 22 - 26 February

Y9 Futures Evening: 2 March - 7.00 pm

Higher Education Convention: 8 March (CFE)

Y9 Parents' Evening: 31 March

Musical Extravaganza: 1 April

The school calendar is available on the website and updates are available via our Facebook and Twitter feed.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the school and my sincere thanks for the warm welcome you have shown since my arrival in September.

Happy Christmas from all of us here at The Guernsey Grammar School & Sixth Form Centre and best wishes for the festive season and for the year ahead.



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