



CRHS KS4 NEWSLETTER

November 2016

Welcome to the KS4 Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the new Castle Rushen High School Key Stage 4 newsletter. May we thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter and use this as a chance to introduce you to the staff who are currently involved with Key Stage 4 pupils.



Mrs G Kneen

Team leader for

Student progress (KS4)



Mr S Moss

Team leader for

Creativity and skills (KS4)



Miss K Carson

KS4 Intervention Manager

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Aims of the newsletter

The newsletter will be published at the beginning of each half term with the aim of keeping parents and pupils up to date with key dates, events and happenings in Key Stage 4 during a particular half term. If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter please feel free to contact any of the Key Stage 4 staff by ringing school on 693500 or by emailing chsenquires@sch.im

Key Stage 4 Tutor Team

If you have any concerns about your child you should contact their tutor in the first instance. If necessary they will pass any concerns onto the Key Stage 4 leaders or the relevant Heads of Subject. Please see below for your child's tutor.

10EMM/HR— Mrs E Matthews

10JB— Mr J Brookes

10KED— Mrs K Duff

10LSW— Mrs L Williams

10 PAC— Mr P Casson

10SMA— Mrs S Alman

11GD—Miss J Davies

11KC—Miss S Cox

11PH— Dr P Holmes

11EH— Mrs E Holmes

11TD— Mrs T Dunk

11ACB— Mr A Baker. This group are currently being looked after by Mr T Duggan, please direct queries and concerns to Miss Carson until further notice. The Key Stage 4 staff would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Baker a full and speedy recovery.



Dates for the Diary:

Please note the following key dates

This half term is a very busy term with lots of controlled assessment deadlines and mock exams. If you take the following subjects please note these key dates.

Drama

Year 11 - Unit 1 performance deadline 11th November 2016

Year 11 - are beginning to study Unit 3 and the play FACE

Year 10 & 11 - Please continue to take advantage of the offer of free theatre trips! Please return your letters as you still need parental permission to attend

Maths

Year 11 - 11mGK and 11mKB please note your Edexcel iGCSE exam dates of 9th January 2017 and 17th January 2017

Physical Education

Year 11 - Controlled assessment will begin on 14th November 2016

Year 11 - Deadline for external practical videos (please submit via USB drive) 12th December 2016

Spanish

Year 11 - Controlled assessment begins 21st November 2016

Geography

The deadline for Geography coursework has passed! Students who have not met this deadline must attend lunchtime catch up sessions in H6 and H8

General Dates

Year 11 Parents evening from 6pm-9pm Wednesday 23rd November

Year 11 Employability and Skills fair 10th November

Year 11 College Taster Day 25th November

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS BEGIN 28th NOVEMBER and end 9th DECEMBER

Well done to...

All of our Year 11 pupils who sat the recent English Language exam and their parents for being so well prepared and punctual for the exam which took place on 31st October 2016 . Results for this exam are due 17th January



Jack Camarda

2017.

Jack Camarda who was selected as Captain for Fleetwoods U15s team in their match against Chester.

Our girls who have been selected to be on the Island Schools Netball team. They are Alex Johnston, Heather Parsons and Jane Pickard.

Miss Metcalfe and Mr Kelly would like to say well done and thank you to all of those pupils who went to Iceland at half term. Highlights



Pupils enjoying their recent trip to Iceland



Useful revision resources

GCSE Pod– www.gcsepod.com

ITsLearning - www.itslearning.com

Google Docs– most subjects will have revision resources and past papers available on here for pupils to access. Speak to your teachers if you are unsure of how to get these.

GCSE Bitesize www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/ a variety of resources are available for all subjects on here

My Maths www.mymaths.co.uk all pupils should have access to this. If you are unsure how to access My Maths please speak to your Maths teacher.

KS4 Rewards

Year 11

Would you like to win a leavers hoody, a yearbook, or a prom ticket? This year you can! We will be giving away 2 of each prize at the end of each term. To be in with a chance to win all you have to do is attend 5 revision sessions and have your reward card stamped by the teacher! Every time you attend 5 sessions your name will be put into the draw. You can have your name added to the draw as many times as you like. You can also be entered into the draw every time you view 10 GCSE Podcasts on GCSE Pod. So improve your chances and attend those revision sessions and view those podcasts. For reward cards and to have your name added to the draw please see Miss Carson.

Year 10

Would you like to win some amazon vouchers? All you have to do is view podcasts on GCSE Pod! Every time you view 10 podcasts we will add your name to the draw! The more podcasts you view the more times your name will be added giving you a greater chance to win a voucher! For more information please see Miss Carson.

Exam Tips

- Give yourself enough time to revise and don't leave things to the last minute. Making a revision schedule is a good idea.
- Organise your study space and keep it tidy.
- Practise on old exam papers and use mark schemes to your advantage by knowing what examiners are looking for.
- Use diagrams and flow charts to organise information.
- Explain your answers to others. This can help you to see what part of your explanations are missing if you explain things to someone who knows very little about the topic.

Mr Caldwell's tip of the half term

Keep active during exams!! There are copious amounts of evidence available which show that playing sport and staying active during the exam periods can significantly improve your cognitive performance.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/studenthealth/Pages/Exerciseandstudy.aspx>

Mocks

By Daisy Moorcroft

The thing about mocks is that, despite what everyone says, they're not like the real thing. The best piece of advice I have to say about mocks is that they are your starting point; don't think of them as what you're going to pick up in August, treat them as a way to know your strengths and your weaknesses.

When it comes to revision quizlet is your best friend. I swear by that website across the subjects: be it history dates, geography key terms or english technique there is a quizlet section for it. I know everyone revises differently and you may be the type of person who prefers to sit and write out notes from a textbook but I would always recommend trying out different methods until you find the one that works for you. The best way to go about revision is to just set a timer, even for half an hour, put your phone on do not disturb and just start, genuinely that is the hardest bit. If you split what you have to do into smaller sections it tends to seem less intimidating. A few other tips would just be to stay organised, have lists for everything and make to-do lists before you sit down for every session of revision. As I have said these are just things that work for me and mocks are the perfect opportunity for you to find out what methods work for you before the real thing. Good luck and remember that you will only get the grades that you put the work in for, so be prepared and stay calm.

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Employability and Skills Fair

Why are you going to the fair?

- Use the day to reflect upon yourself and to look at the careers you may be suitable for.
- Use the day to look at all of the opportunities available to you based upon what you know about yourself
- Use the day to find out more about a career you may be interested in.

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