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Year 11 Update Letter (4)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been wonderful to welcome our students back this week, and I've been really pleased to see them return with such enthusiasm, positivity and focus as we begin another busy term.

It was also a real pleasure to see so many of you at our Open Evening last night. Opportunities like these are always a lovely reminder of what makes our school community so special, and it was fantastic to share in the pride our students take in their learning, celebrate their achievements and look ahead together to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Sixth Form Open Evening and Post-16 Applications

Choosing what to study after Year 11 is a big decision, and we know there is lots to consider. We are really proud of what our Sixth Form has to offer, from the range of subjects available to the support and guidance our students receive along the way. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to share this with you and hopefully give students a real feel for what life in our Sixth Form is like. If you would like to take another look at the courses available, our Sixth Form Curriculum Booklet provides further information about each subject and the pathways they can lead to.

Applications are now open! All Year 11 students were sent an email to their school email account at 5pm yesterday (Thursday), containing a link to the application form and the password needed to access our Applicaa application website. Please encourage your child to check their school emails so they can begin exploring their options and completing their application.

If you weren't able to join us, or if you or your child have any questions about subject choices or applying to our Sixth Form, please do get in touch with our Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Hankins, at jhankins@sharnbrook.academy as she'll be more than happy to help you explore the options available.

Year 11 Revision Sessions

As Year 11 students prepare for their January mock exams, we would like to remind parents and carers of the additional revision sessions available across a range of subjects. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity for students to consolidate their knowledge, revisit key topics, practise exam techniques and receive additional guidance from their subject teachers.

We strongly encourage all Year 11 students to make the most of this support, regardless of their current attainment or confidence levels. Regular attendance, alongside independent revision at home, can make a real difference to their preparation and confidence ahead of the examinations.

The updated after-school revision timetable can be found here on the Academy website

Year 11 Meridian Science Online Masterclasses

Our Year 11 students also have the opportunity to take part in a series of online Science Masterclasses, delivered by specialist teachers from across Meridian Trust, to support their preparation for the mock exams.

The first session, focusing on Chemistry, took place last week and was a great success! However, it was a shame that only 20 students from Sharnbrook signed up to attend. We'd love to see many more of our students taking advantage of these fantastic opportunities over the coming weeks.

The remaining sessions are:

- **Tuesday 10th November:** Biology Paper 2, including required practicals
- **Tuesday 24th November:** Physics Paper 2, including required practicals
- **Tuesday 1st December:** Tackling challenging calculation questions in Physics Paper 2
- **Tuesday 8th December:** Maths skills in Chemistry

All sessions take place online via Microsoft Teams, from 4pm to 5pm, with Foundation and common-tier content covered from 4pm to 4.30pm, followed by Higher-tier content from 4.30pm to 5pm.

Importantly, students must register separately for each individual masterclass they wish to attend. They should use the registration links or QR codes on the programme, signing up with their school email address. This is how they will receive the link to join each session; registering for one masterclass does not automatically register them for the others. Students' cameras and microphones will be disabled, but they will still be able to ask questions through the Teams chat. Please encourage your child to sign up and make the most of this additional support. Let's see if we can get more than 20 Sharnbrook students attending next week's Biology session!

Construction Skills and Careers Awareness Event

For students interested in exploring a future career in construction, Bedford College is hosting its first Construction Skills and Careers Awareness Event, in partnership with Universal Destinations & Experiences. The event takes place on Saturday 14th November, from 2.pm to 4pm, at Bedford College, Cauldwell Street, Bedford.

This is an exciting opportunity for students and families to meet leading contractors working across the region, including those involved in the planned Universal United Kingdom Resort, and learn more about the qualifications, career pathways and opportunities available within the construction industry.

Please note that this is a ticketed event and advance registration is required. Further details, including the QR code to register, can be found on this event flyer on our website.

I know there's a lot for students and families to think about at this stage, so please remember that we're here to help. If you have any questions, concerns or simply want to talk something through, you're always welcome to drop me an email. Your child's tutor is also on hand to offer support and guidance as we navigate these important few months together.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Laura Watt
Interim Vice Principal (Academic)