



# The COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL *Leftwich*

Achieving Excellence

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October 2021

## Year 11 Information Evening: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 6pm

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to invite you to our forthcoming in-person Year 11 Information Evening. As you will be aware, the disruption to education caused by Covid has led to some changes to how GCSEs will be examined in 2022. The aim of the evening is to provide information and updates to ensure students have a joyous and rewarding Year 11 and that you are able to better support them in doing so.

<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	Mr M Snelson, Principal
<b>GCSEs: the context and adjustments:</b> <i>How have the GCSE courses been adjusted to maximise teaching time? What will the exam series look like and when will it occur?</i> <b>Student Tracking (Mock Exams) Arrangements and Reports:</b> <i>Why are these exams important? How will they impact on tier of entry and possible Teacher Assessed Grade judgements? What are the arrangements for Student Tracking 1 in November and Student Tracking 2 in March?</i>	Mr R Warburton, Deputy Principal
<b>How to Succeed in Year 11:</b> <i>What additional support will Year 11 receive this year to fill gaps in their learning? What are our plans to support Year 11 should another full or partial school closure happen? What is the most effective way for students to prepare for the reformed GCSE examinations? How can parents/carers help? What support will the school provide?</i>	Mrs H Marklove, Learning Leader: Year 11
<b>Post-16 Learning Pathways:</b> <i>What are the options for post-16 study and how does the application system work for September 2021 entry? Why are the Student Tracking (mock exams) important?</i>	Mr M Kinder, Learning Leader EFL and Careers

It is anticipated that the knowledge gained about the GCSE examinations will enable you to support your child as effectively as possible over the next two and a half very important terms in their education. We hope you will be able to join us, with your child, on this valuable evening.



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Whilst it is fantastic to be able to hold this event in-person this year, we need to implement some restrictions to keep ourselves as safe as possible and each other as safe as possible. Should public health guidance change we will reassess our plans and communicate them accordingly.

<b>Minimising the number of visitors in the building and in classrooms and the School Hall</b>	<p>A request that, wherever possible, Year 11 students are accompanied by no more than two parents/carers.</p> <p>The Hall will be used for the presentations and will be at a lower capacity than in previous years.</p> <p>If all seats become full, unfortunately, we will not be able to let more people in.</p> <p>The presentations will be made available following the event.</p>
<b>Hygiene</b>	<p>Please sanitise your hands on entering the building and during your visit.</p> <p>Please use tissues, provided, and discard in the bins provided.</p>
<b>Cleaning</b>	<p>We will have enhanced cleaning of regularly touched surfaces.</p>
<b>Ventilation</b>	<p>We will ensure, wherever possible, windows and doors are open.</p>
<b>General Advice</b>	<p>Do not attend if you or a member of your household:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have COVID symptoms</li> <li>• have a positive LFD test</li> <li>• have a positive PCR</li> <li>• have returned from a country that requires quarantine</li> </ul> <p>We advise that all those attending take a COVID LFD test on the day of the event.</p> <p>We recommend face coverings are worn by those able to.</p>

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Yours sincerely,



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