

TERM 1 – FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER



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# YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER

Students at Nova Hreod will have a better chance of success than if they attended any other school in the country



## Welcome to a new term!

Welcome to the first edition of our brand new **Year 11 Newsletter**. Over the course of the academic year, this will:

1. Give you updates of the key events coming up.
2. Give you information around PPEs and exams.
3. Give you further support when working with your child at home on their revision.
4. Celebrate the successes of Year 11.

We are proud to introduce this year's School Captains, Dami and Layth, together with the Vice Captains Isobel and Emmly. Following the prefect selections, a further presentation to a staff panel determined our Head Students Damilola and Layth as well as our Deputy Head Students Isobel and Emmly. These four students are our School captains.

### ● Year 11 School Captains and Prefects

We are delighted to appoint 29 Year 11 prefects. The process to become a Prefect is intense as the interview is preceded by a staff survey for all students who have applied. This is where staff across the school can endorse or even highlight reasons why a student should be considered for this leadership role. The probation form lasts the entire summer term, and is checked weekly to ensure a high standard of behaviour both in and out of the classroom is being emulated by prospective student leaders.



# ATTEND TO *A+*ACHIEVE

## EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL REALLY MATTERS

95% - 100% ATTENDANCE MAKES HALF A GRADE DIFFERENCE AT GCSE



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## Attendance Matters

**Being in school matters. Students must be in school every day learning with their classroom teachers. If students are not in school, they are missing out on vital learning.**

If students have an attendance of 90%, that means they have missed 20 days in the year and that equates to around 100 hours of learning missed.

If students have an attendance of 80%, that means they will have missed 40 days in the year and that equates to around 200 hours of learning missed.

As a school, we consistently promote the importance of attendance through our rewards system.



Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. The students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSEs.



### Merits Leaderboard

<b>Danny Mshoperi</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Emily McAulay</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Jorja Itter</b>	<b>61</b>
Faye Hodson	60
Katie Ruskin	57



### ● Upcoming Events

Monday 11th November- Friday 29th November	<b>PPE 1</b>
Thursday 19th December	<b>Year 11 Parents Evening 1</b>





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Drive



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## PPE 1



On Friday 11th October, you were sent a copy of the PPE1 Revision Booklet. This contained:

- The PPE1 Timetable
- Useful guidance, including revision and wellbeing support.
- A breakdown of each subject, the exam specification and papers and some useful knowledge to revise and be aware of.

Miss Sayers also sent a copy of the booklet to students via epraise. The screenshots below give you an *example* of what the booklet looks like.

### Mathematics

Contact: [novamathsenquiries@novahreodacademy.org.uk](mailto:novamathsenquiries@novahreodacademy.org.uk)

#### The examinations:

Students will complete 3 full GCSE mock papers. Each paper is equally weighted and your final score out of 240 will determine your final grade.

Paper 1 is worth 80 marks and is non calculator.

Papers 2 and 3 are worth 80 marks and a calculator is allowed.

Work will be based on everything that has been covered in years 9, 10 and so far in year 11.

The exams will be tiered into Foundation and Higher. We use the Pearson **Edexcel** exam board.

#### Topics which will be covered in the exams:

##### Foundation

- Number (25%)
- Algebra (20%)
- Geometry and Measure (15%)
- Ratio and Proportion (25%)
- Data Handling and Probability (15%)

##### Higher

- Number (15%)
- Algebra (30%)
- Geometry and Measure (20%)
- Ratio and Proportion (20%)
- Data Handling and Probability (15%)

#### Resources to help students revise and prepare:

Students will complete some revision in lessons, but it is essential students carry out independent revision using [Spax](#) (XP Boost, Target or Independent Practice) or by accessing past papers and online paper walkthroughs on YouTube. Please see the links below for this.

# 195 days until the start of your GCSE exams.

# 24 days until the start of your PPEs

### The three secrets of success:

The strategies which will help you to be successful in exams and assessments are the same as the strategies which will help you to be successful in lessons:



#### 1. Attend all of your lessons and your exams.

Every lesson is vital but the guidance you will get from your teachers before your exams ensure that you are as prepared as possible. Be in school for all of your exams and sit all of your exams. If you are absent, you will need to catch up. This will mean you won't be able to prepare as well for your exams and it may make you feel more anxious about your exams.



#### 2. Give 100% effort.

Your PPEs are opportunities for you to practice before the real thing. Putting the effort in before your exams and during them will make you better prepared for your actual exams and will give your teachers a clear idea of where your strengths are and where you need to improve.



#### 3. Do independent revision.

Most of the home study you are set is revision. However, home study is set for whole classes, not for you personally. Doing independent revision means that you will be able to close specific gaps which you have.

#### Retrieval practice:

Do I know *this*?

Topic	
Question 1	Answer 1
Question 2	Answer 2
Question 3	Answer 3
Question 4	Answer 4
Question 5	Answer 5
Question 6	Answer 6

#### Flashcards:

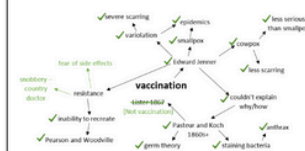
Do I know *this*?

osmosis

Net movement of water from a high concentration to low concentration across a partially permeable membrane

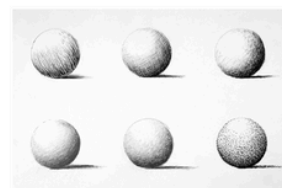
#### Knowledge dumps:

What do I know?



#### Exam questions/deliberate practice:

Can I actually use the knowledge that I know?



## English Trip – Tuesday 10th October

A group of year 11 students visited 'An Inspector Calls' at The Hippodrome in Bristol. They really enjoyed seeing one of their GCSE texts performed live! The set and the characterisation were particular highlights for the students as they were able to see the effects of such dramatic methods.



### Futures Evening



On Tuesday 9th October, the school hosted its Futures Evening which many Year 11's attending.

If you have any further questions about next steps and the evening, please contact Ms Gawthorn.



### ● The Year 11 Team



**Miss Sayers**  
Head of Year 11

The tutor programme, leavers' items and events, general queries (if you're unsure who to ask)



**Ms Simpkins**  
Year 11 Year Manager

Pastoral questions, uniform



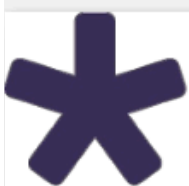
**Mr Gordon**  
Assistant Principal: Raising Standards

P0 and P6, mentoring, interventions, attendance



**Mrs Green**  
Head of Key Stage 4

Prefects, extra-curricular

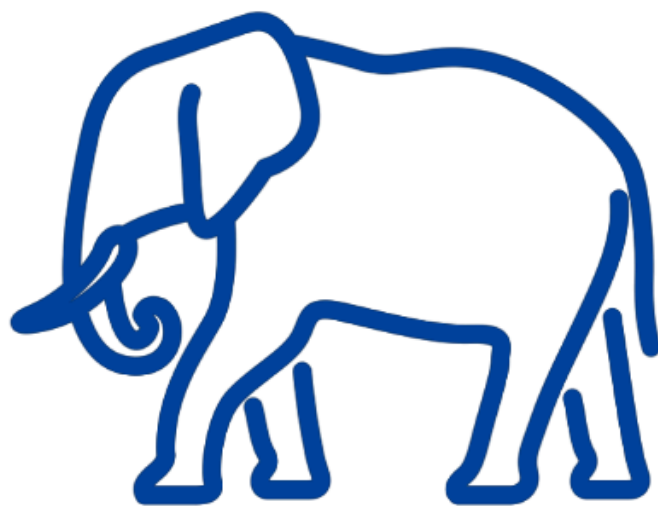


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## Leavers' Items and Events

Year 11 may have just begun but, before we know it, the end of the year will be upon us and it will be time to celebrate Y11's time at Nova Hreod. To do so, we have a number of leavers' items and events organised which you can start booking and buying now in order to spread the cost over the year.



All of Y11 are also in the running to earn a VIP ticket to the Summer Ball. These are not free tickets. However, our VIPs will have access to a special VIP area with luxury snacks, a candy floss maker, and a non-alcoholic mocktails bar staffed by their own personal bartender (Miss Sayers in a waistcoat!). To earn a VIP ticket, Y11s just need to work exceptionally hard, attend lessons and school, and complete extra revision; one VIP ticket is awarded by each subject lead for a fantastic attitude to their subject and Mr Harding-Mbogo will have three to award for significant improvement to behaviour and attendance and to a significant contribution to the school as a whole.

Item:	Approximate cost:	Order via:	Key information:
<b>Leavers' hoodie</b>	From £27(depending on style and add-ons)	Fizz Hoodies <a href="https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/Shop">https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/Shop</a> code: 26261YR11	Order by 30/03/25 Delivered to school at the end of term 5
<b>Leavers' book</b>	£25	Fizz Yearbooks <a href="https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/Shop">https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/Shop</a> code: 26261YR11	Order by 30/03/25 Delivered to school at the end of term 5
<b>Year group photograph</b>	From £16(depending on the photograph order)	Fraser Photography Shortly after the photograph is taken, all parents will receive a link and photo code to order.	Monday 24th March Full uniform required
<b>Summer Ball ticket</b>	More information to become available after half term.	ParentPay	More information to become available after half term.





## **Tutor Group Stars of the Term**



<b>11A</b>	<b>Imogen Steward</b>	Demonstrates the highest standards that we expect as a school; exemplary attitude to learning and she's a model of genuine politeness.
<b>11B</b>	<b>Sian Hall</b>	Excellent behaviour, model work in Wednesday sessions, politeness and a willingness to share details of her work.
<b>11C</b>	<b>Joshua Moss</b>	Consistently polite and hard-working. This Y11 is always a friendly face in roll call.
<b>11D</b>	<b>Ethan Miles-Smart</b>	Consistent high standards in work and behaviour.
<b>11E</b>	<b>Sophie Kimber</b>	This pupil is hard-working and always pays rapurtous attention in lessons and tutor time.
<b>11F</b>	<b>Caitlin Butler</b>	Demonstrates high standards and expectations throughout her time in school, always polite, helpful and hard working in and out of tutor
<b>11G</b>	<b>Leah Buckett</b>	Always polite and well mannered; an exceptional role model for her peers and our younger scholars.
<b>11H</b>	<b>Hayden Linton-Doyle</b>	Beautiful manners and consistently high standards and work ethic

**Who will be our shooting stars next Term?**