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Principal: Maureen Strudwick MA

Dear Parent /Carer

Arrangements for Year 11: January/February 2012

As we have moved into the Spring term in our fantastic new building, may we take this opportunity to wish you the very best for this year. It is, without doubt, one of the most important years for your son/daughter in their lives so far. We wish to make sure that all of our Year 11 students are fully prepared and confident for the challenges that lie ahead.

Exams

The Exam Timetable (available on this website) for this year, covers the January, March and Summer 2012 sessions and lists all of the exams that will be accessed by our students this year. A personalised timetable will be issued before the start of each session to each student, which will help you to plan your time around the exams.

To make the mock exams as realistic as possible, we will have a results day on Friday 24th February. On this day, students will receive the results for all of their mock exams.

Students have been following a programme of activities during their RESPECT Time which will focus on techniques to support revision, such as improving their memory, making quality revision notes and following instructions carefully. A copy of these resources and links to the websites that may support the revision process can be found on the College website: www.thomasclarkson.co.uk. A link has been placed on the homepage to ease navigation.

The College is open until 5:30pm each evening and we encourage all of our students to use the facilities available. Many departments hold after school clubs and revision sessions – details are available from individual departments. A timetable with further details will be published in the near future.

Application for Post 16 Provision

Many of the students have already successfully completed their OLAP (Online Application form) and should start to hear back from the schools and colleges in the near future. We know there are a number of students that have not submitted their form and who possibly need support in completing it. All students have received a lesson during ICT, supporting them as they decide on the best options for them next year as well as helping them with the mechanics of accessing, completing and submitting their OLAP form. To support this process further, we will be running a drop-in OLAP clinic in the Learning Information Centre on Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th January from 3:30pm – 5:00pm each day. Please feel free to accompany your son/daughter to one of these sessions for advice on which is likely to be the best place

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for them to apply to next year, what level and type of qualification would be most appropriate and how the form should be accessed and completed.

Year 11 Notice Board

Since we have moved into the new building, we no longer have one central notice board. We are making use of the numerous plasma screens that are situated throughout the College to alert students to important information such as Exam arrangements, Revision and Support Sessions, Open Days and Vacancies for Apprenticeships. We will also post this information on the College website, linked clearly from the home page. If you would like advice on how to support your son/daughter through this important and demanding period, please refer to the information booklet that was produced for the December Year 11 Parents' Evening.

Further Guidance for Parents may be found at:

<http://tcccllc.weebly.com/careers.html>

Just click on the link for Parents on the menu.

The second Year 11 Subject Led Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 29th February and this replaces the evening that was due to be held on Wednesday 1st February. This evening will allow teachers, Parents/Carers and students to really focus on the final few months prior to taking the important Key Stage Four assessments in the summer.

If in doubt or if you wish to discuss any issues, please contact the College.

You may contact:

- RESPECT Tutors
- Learning Communities staff
- Miss Lake (Career's guidance)
- Mr Lucas (Director for Learning 14-19)
- Mrs Stapenhill-Hunt (Deputy Director for Learning 14-19)

Yours sincerely

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