

Curriculum Update

Reading Week Monday October 31st - Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Student, Parents, Carers,

As we now approach half term I hope students are beginning to feel settled into the routine of college life and enjoying their lessons. It has certainly been pleasing to see students enjoying their studies and showing high levels of enthusiasm and focus within the classroom.

We want to ensure that you have settled into college well and that you have the opportunity to let us know how the first half term has been. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey:

<https://forms.gle/e5fadSvwaGnJ7eJx9>

I thought it timely to remind everyone about our plans for reading week which is the first week after half term. This is a time of the year when our new students will meet their subject teachers on a one-to-one basis to review and reflect on the start of term. It is also a time for our year 2 students to spend focusing on their progression plans.

All students **will not** be required to attend timetabled lessons during reading week, they will instead receive study materials from each of their subject teachers to complete.

Year 1 and Pre-advanced students

Our teaching staff will meet individually with each year 1 and pre-advanced student during reading week. These "subject progress reviews" will be held at the college and be face to face. Students will not be required to attend their normal lessons for reading week. Within lessons and tutorials this week staff are explaining how to book progress reviews via My Varndean. Instructions on how to book can also be found [here](#). The booking system will be live to students now. Students will be expected to make an appointment with each of their subject teachers.

Year 2 students

As well as study activities to complete, Year 2 students will also have an opportunity to focus on researching and finalising progression plans. Tasks and expectations for Reading week progression work completion will be set in the students' tutorial classroom, an overview is also linked below.

[Year 2 Progression Work in Reading Week](#)

Reading week presents an additional opportunity for all our students to consolidate their learning so far, and many subject areas will be inviting some students into college to complete focused support activities. Students are encouraged to take full advantage of these opportunities.

Thanks all for your continued support.

Best Wishes



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