

25th May 2021

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 11,

As we reach the final week of this half term and the last week for Year 11 students, I wanted to take this opportunity to share the details of the Year 11 Masterclass Programme that we have on offer for all our Year 11 students across the Trust from Monday 7 June - Wednesday 30 June 2021. The Year 11 students have worked tirelessly since schools re-opened during what has been an incredibly challenging few months, however and despite this, they have shown great strength in character, perseverance and resilience.

To support our Year 11 students to transition to their next steps, we have planned over 100 Masterclasses which will be delivered remotely in many different subject areas, delivered by Outwood teaching staff across the whole Trust. We also have sessions delivered by our independent careers advisory partner, Careers Inc. This is a new and exciting offer for Year 11 students and is available to all Year 11s whether they are transitioning to A-level study, moving into the world of work, starting an apprenticeship or still unsure. We firmly believe that this comprehensive programme has something for everyone.

### **How do students access the Masterclasses?**

We will send the link to the Masterclass Google Site later this week but for now, please see a [link](#) to a promotional video explaining how the Masterclasses will be accessed and the types of sessions on offer. The site is very easy to navigate and students can choose which sessions to opt into but will need to complete the registration form so we can track their progress and engagement.

### **Does my child need to book onto the Masterclasses?**

The simple answer is no. As the sessions are either delivered on Google Live or are pre-recorded, students do not need to pre-book. They can merely join at the appropriate time or access the pre-recorded sessions at a time that suits them.

### **How do students know which Masterclasses are available and when?**

The full Masterclass schedule will be published on the Google Site which will be sent to you in due course. However, the timetable for week commencing 7 June is already available and is on page 2 of this letter. We will use our usual social media accounts to promote the classes regularly and hope that your child is able to join the sessions they are interested in.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of our incredible support and teaching staff. They have worked tirelessly to ensure all our students are provided with the very best opportunities and I am always astonished by their continued efforts. The Masterclass Programme is

a great example of how our staff, across the whole Trust, continue to find ways to ensure our students have the very best opportunities made available to them.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GSKM', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

**Graham Skidmore**  
Head of School

### Masterclasses - W/C 7 June 2021

Date	Time	Pre-recorded or live?	Subject	Topic			
07/06/2021	11:00	Live	Business	The Economic Climate		AM sessions	
07/06/2021	9.30	Live	English Literature	History of Science Fiction		PM sessions	
07/06/2021	12.30	Live	Music	Taking your composing further (suitable for GCSE progressing to A Level)			
07/06/2021		Pre-recorded	Maths	Factorising polynomials by factor theorem		Careers focus	
07/06/2021		Pre-recorded	Chemistry	Repairing the whole in the ozone layer		Mental Health & Wellbeing	
07/06/2021		Pre-recorded	Mental Health and Wellbeing	Maintaining Positive Wellbeing			
08/06/2021	09:30	Live	Chemistry	The chemistry of cosmetics			
08/06/2021	09:30	Live	English Literature	My Last Duchess and The Laboratory- use of dramatic monologues in poetry			
08/06/2021	09:00	Live	English Language	Language Investigation			
08/06/2021	13.30	Live	Science & PE	The Physics of Sport Performance			
08/06/2021	14:00	Live	English Language and History	Invasions, Language and Culture			
09/06/2021	09:30	Live	Chemistry	Getting Ready for A-Level: Organic Chemistry			
09/06/2021	09:30	Live	English Language	Language and Identity			
09/06/2021	11:00	Live	Science - Biology	Getting Ready for A-Level: Homeostasis.			

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09/06/2021		Pre-recorded	Biology	Getting ready for A-level: Classification and phylogeny		AM sessions	
09/06/2021		Pre-recorded	French	An Introduction to French Media		PM sessions	
10/06/2021		Pre-recorded	Maths	Surds			
10/06/2021		Pre-recorded	Careers	What's next? (FE, P/T jobs + savings)		Careers focus	
10/06/2021	09:30	Live	Media Studies	An introduction to representation		Mental Health & Wellbeing	
10/06/2021		Pre-recorded	English Literature	How the depiction of vampires have changed in Literature			
10/06/2021	11:00	Live	Science - Biology	Immune system and making vaccines			
10/06/2021		Pre-recorded	Spanish	An Introduction to Spanish Media			
10/06/2021	14.40.	Live	History	Contextual Knowledge for studying Russian History			
11/06/2021	10:00	Pre-recorded	History / Philosophy	Death & The City: Victorian Spiritualism			
11/06/2021		Pre-recorded	Physics	Introduction to Medical Physics			
11/06/2021	11:00	Live	English Literature	Charles Dickens' London			
11/06/2021		Pre-recorded	English Language	Accent and Dialect			
11/06/2021		Pre-recorded	Geography	An introduction to glaciers			