



VARNDEAN
SCHOOL

YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019

Welcome

It was great to see so many parents at 'Making the Grade' last week and we were overwhelmed with the positive feedback from the evening. As always, we welcome feedback to improve our evenings to ensure that we are providing parents/carers with the information and guidance they need. If you would like to access the presentations from the evening please use this link:

Making the Grade



College Update -

The final deadline for applications to Varndean, BHASVIC or MET is Friday 7th July. Deadlines to other colleges will vary and will be posted on their websites. Some colleges have already started interviewing year 11s. On the day of their interview, students need to collect a printed copy of their annual report from school base and take this with them to interview. Tim Clarke
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GCSE Pod

Over 16000 pods have been watched by students since November, which is amazing. The top ten student users have been recognised with a postcard this week and we are continuing to talk to students about how best to use the programme. So many of you have been in touch to say how brilliant it has been for supporting your child already. Students can access the programme through an app on their phone/tablet but they will need a password from me. If you would like to take a look visit **GCSE Pod**. We would expect students to be using this resource in preparation for their PPE2 starting after half-term.

PPE2

PPE2 runs from 25th February to 8th March, with MFL Speaking Tests and Art Practical Exam the following week. Full details of students' individual timetables can be found by logging on to Varndean plus and clicking on the assessment tab. PPE2 will be run under formal exam conditions and students should make themselves aware of the regulations, particularly with regard to mobile phones and other electronic devices.

Attendance

Attendance to school and revision classes is absolutely critical at this final stage of your child's education. Teachers are finishing their GCSE syllabus and have carefully planned in-class exam revision, exam question modelling, hints and tips that will prove invaluable. All children get a bit ill sometimes, but may not need a day off, particularly if it is for a cold or headache. If you are in any doubt, phone your school base or send them in and they can see our medical officer if they start to feel worse.

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Useful revision websites/resources

Departments listed many useful websites/resources to access at 'Making the Grade'. Here are some additional ones:

Languages

ZUT

Account id: 6847

Pupil password: Dolphin

GUT

Account id: 4892

Pupil password: Dolphin

OYE

Account id: 2762

Pupil password: Dolphin

PE/V Cert Health & Fitness

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zp49cwx>