

**VARNDEAN**  
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# YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018

## Welcome

We are excited to launch our monthly newsletter for Year 11 Parents/Carers. We hope that this newsletter can help signpost you to the many activities Year 11 are involved in and give you some advanced warning of important dates. We know that this year can often be as stressful for parents/carers but that 'knowledge is power' when supporting children at home so we hope this gives you some comfort that we have mapped out dates and information to be aware of. If you would like our newsletter to feature anything specific in the future, please feel free to get in touch. Shelley Baker  
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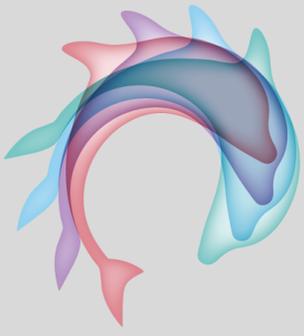
## Year 11 Assembly

Our assemblies this term so far have been about preparation and follow up to PPEs. Congratulation to our Year 11 on their results so far. The link to the assembly is:

[Click for link](#)

# Assembly





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## College Applications

The deadline for applications to Varndean, BHASVIC or Brighton MET is **Friday 30th November** and we are supporting students with their applications in tutor time. Other Colleges will have set their own deadlines and methods of applying. If your child is interested in an apprenticeship or would like further guidance with their application, our careers advisor Amanda Carroll runs a drop in at break and lunch time every Wednesday.

## Making the Grade

Following our busy and successful Making the Grade evening in September, please find the link to the resources, which are on the school website - [Making The Grade](#) . Date for your diary - Making the Grade Year

11 - Option Subject Focused - **Thursday 24th January** 2019 6.30-8.30pm.

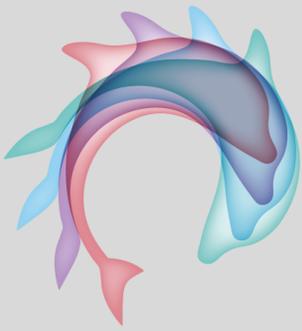


## Tutor Time Programme

We have launched a tutor time programme for students in Year 11 this week. Each morning teachers are holding workshops in F2 from 8.40-9.05am. Tutors are helping students in selecting workshops to attend. Featured workshops include: Aiming for a grade 5 in English, Aiming for a grade 5 in Science, Improving my memory for exams, The importance of sleep/diet during Y11 and Improving handwriting for exams to name a few! Here is the link to the programme so that you can talk to your child about ones they might benefit from .

[Click here -](#)

I am always pleased to receive suggestions from students/parents for future workshops so feel free to get in touch.



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## GCSE Pod

We are pleased to announce that we have invested in the award winning resource, GCSE pod, to help Varndean Students with targeted revision. It is a resource providing bitesize pods, which students can access online and offline via their computer or phone. We have launched this in assembly this week and students have already accessed this. If you would like to take a look visit

Click for link



There will be an opportunity at Y11 parents' evening to take a look at how to get the best out of the resource.



## Revision Tips

Making notes during revision- When taking notes, you should summarise large paragraphs. Firstly, you should read the paragraph and try to digest the information. Secondly, you should pick out what you think are the key points. Finally, you should try to write a summary of the paragraph in your own words without looking, being sure to add your key points to remember.



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