



February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the busiest and arguably most important few months of your child's school life, we wanted to provide you with an update regarding the support and opportunities that have been put in place for them, and some information on future events.

Exceed Mentor Programme

All students in Year 11 have been allocated a mentor to help support their final months at Appleton. Mentors have been meeting students regularly to discuss various aspects including mock exams, future plans, revision strategies & techniques and stress management.

Exceed Lounge

Year 11 students now have access to the Exceed Lounge at lunch times. The Exceed Lounge is a room dedicated to independent study and revision. This room has been stocked with revision guides and higher education materials and is supervised by staff who are able to support with homework and revision.

Elevate

Elevate Education will be conducting a session with all Year 11 students before half term, which will equip them with the study skills they need to achieve the best results possible in their upcoming mock exams, and then their final GCSE exams.

Revision

Please encourage your child to be actively using GCSEPod to revise. Teachers can then see where they may need help. Your child has been given revision cards and revision resources. If your child finishes their revision cards, they are welcome to bring those in and show Mr Belwood, Mr Watson or Miss Derrington and we will give them a new set to work through.

Careers

The careers team have been holding in depth individual careers meeting with students across the year group. All students will have a careers meeting to discuss their options, college providers, applications and any concerns they may have.

Appleton Academy also hosted several apprenticeship providers in a careers fair, where students and parents were able to discuss apprenticeship options for next year.

Bradford College will be attending Appleton Academy at 9.00am on Monday 17 February 2025, to support students with applications for next year. All students are welcome to attend.

Half Term Revision Sessions

There will be a number of revision sessions running throughout the February half term to help prepare students for their mock exams.

Monday 17 February:

- Art (10:00am – 12:00pm) in Art 1
- Science foundation (12:30pm – 14:30pm) in CO1 and CO2

Wednesday 19 February:

- Maths foundation (10:00am – 12:00pm) in CO1 and CO2
- Maths higher (10:00am – 12:00pm) in CO3 and CO4

February Mock Exams

The first week of school after the February half term break will be mock exam week. This will be a very challenging week for students with all exams happening over the course of five days. The exams will take place in this way to replicate the conditions of final exams and to maximise learning time during the weeks following the mocks. Students need to ensure they arrive at school in plenty of time for exams to start promptly – students should arrive by 8:30am. Revision over the half term break will be vitally important to your child's success in these mock exams.

Prom Fundraising

The prom committee have been busy throughout the year with fundraising and starting to put together ideas for the end of year prom. Students across the year group have been emailed an online form for them to have input into certain aspects of the prom. We will also be holding a bake sale on Friday 14 February 2025 to raise funds – all donations are welcomed.

End of Year Celebration Activities

As outlined at the start of the year, the prom and end of year trip are not an automatic right for students in Year 11. Students need to meet expectations in a number of areas and they and you will shortly receive an updated 'on track' letter for the prom. This will outline their progress and rate them in each area (attendance, punctuality, intervention sessions, uniform and attitude to learning). All students still have the opportunity to improve any area in which they are not meeting expectations before the end of the year.

If you have any questions about any of this, or other concerns you might have about your child, please email info@appletonacademy.co.uk in the first instance and a member of the Year 11 Team will get back to you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Bellwood".

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