

It is so pleasing to see the majority of Year 11 embracing the opportunities we have on offer to support them throughout this crucial year on the approach towards the examinations.

It is imperative that questions regarding examinations are brought to our attention as soon as possible, to ensure your child is fully prepared for the initial PPEs in November. With this in mind, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the KS4 Information Evening and KS5 Options Evening.

The Information Evening is on Wednesday 11 October and all Heads of Faculty will be present to offer advice and guidance on the best ways to perform well in a specific subject.

We ask that students attend with their parents but school uniform is not required.

Our Year 10 Catering students will be serving canapés, so please come and take advantage of the evening.

Thank you for the letters received from parents, the purpose of which is to remind students of the support they have. If you have not written yours, please send it in to Mrs Jenkins by 13 October and they will be distributed later in the year to remind students of what they are trying to achieve, the support they have from parents and the belief you have that they can achieve their potential.

KS4 Information Evening, 5.30-6.30pm
WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER



TLM and IFS Feedback

We are pleased that we have had a positive response from those students involved in our new TLM and IFS qualifications. We now have 6 TLM groups who are working hard on completing their E-Safety presentations to ensure they are fit for purpose and audience. Most students in TLM have shown excellent creativity, engagement and independence while meeting the course requirements. The next step is ensuring that students complete the written report to accompany this in as much detail as possible so they can achieve the highest grades in this unit.



We have 34 students who have signed up for our after-school IFS Finance course. This is an excellent response and we are impressed with the commitment they have shown in attending on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.

So far in Unit 1: Finance, the Individual and Society, students have studied what the role of a citizen is and the role and duties of a citizen in the UK. In Unit 2: Money Management, they have looked at what is meant by money management and why we need good financial planning, looking at a range of financial service providers and the products they offer.

Tassomai for Science



The first set of students will have received their Tassomai log-ins during their science lessons.

Students should be using the programme for 5 minutes every day to test their knowledge. There is an instructional Power-Point on *SHOW MY HOMEWORK* for students to use to get the most from the programme and the easiest way to do this is to click on the 'start quiz' green button on their home screen.

The Schoolgateway will be open between 2nd and 16th October for all those students who missed the first chance to sign up. Log-ins will be received by half term. Students can see Miss Wheeler or their Science teacher for more information.



POST 16 OPTIONS

In 2014 the government decided that all students had to be in some form of education or training until at least their 18th birthday. This means that students can:

- Continue their education in our Sixth Form for 1, 2 or 3 years
- Study at other schools' Sixth Forms
- Go to colleges like SEEC or SEEVIC
- Start on a formal apprenticeship or trainee scheme. These pay a small wage, but students achieve a work related qualification while they work

We would advise all students to thoroughly research all options available to them. A list of Open Evenings at different institutions is attached below. Please check individual websites for further information.

In addition all Year 11 students are entitled to a careers interview with an independent advisor and Nicola Jones is currently working her way through the cohort. Students should ask their tutor if they need an early interview.

The KES Sixth Form Open Evening is on WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER, 6-8pm. We have an established and very successful Sixth Form and recommend attending to see what courses and facilities are on offer. We run over 22 A Level courses alongside vocational style courses at both Levels 2 and 3 such as BTEC or CACHE (for childcare).

Last year our students achieved a 97% pass rate at A Level with over 50% of grades A*- B. We have a good track record of students progressing to a wide range of universities and apprenticeships.

Students can apply to a range of institutions for Post 16 education and our advice is for them to keep their options open by applying to KES as well as other providers. More information about application procedures will be given at the Open Evening.

South Essex College (Southend)
11 Oct, 16 Nov, 20 Mar (2018)

South Essex College (Basildon)
7 Nov, 1 Feb & 13 June (2018)

South Essex College (Thurrock)
19 Oct, 17 Jan & 15 May 2018

SEEVIC
3 Oct, 21 Nov, 6 Feb (2018)

Writtle College
14 Oct, 13 Jan, 21 Apr,
20 Jun (2018)

Palmer's College
12 Oct, 23 Nov, 11 Jan (2018)

Chelmsford College
16 Oct, 27 Nov, 5 Feb & 30 Apr

Colchester Institute (Colchester)
14, 16 & 17 Oct

Colchester Institute (Braintree)
19 Oct, 4 Nov

Colchester 6th Form College
18 & 19 Oct

PROCAT
5 Oct

SCHOOLS:

Appleton 12 October

Basildon Academy 4 October

Beauchamps 1 November

Belfairs 9 October

Billericay 8 November

Bromfords 16 November

Cecil Jones 4 October

Chase High 18 October

Chelmsford County High 9 Oct

FitzWimarc 7 November

Greensward 16 November

Mayflower 9 November

KEGS 22 November

King Edmund 18 October

King John 19 October

Southend High (Boys) 2 Nov

Southend High (Girls) 1 Nov

Shoeburyness 9 November

St Bernards 15 November

St Thomas More 23 November

Sweyne Park 9 November

Westcliff High (Boys) 8 November

Westcliff High (Girls) 14 Nov

Witham 6th Form 2 November