

Clitheroe Royal Grammar School

A Specialist Language College



Sixth Form Spring Newsletter - Year 12 (March 2015)

Dear Parents and Carers

The next few weeks and months will be very busy for our students. Here are some important dates and events for your diary. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With kind regards
Mr J L Powell
Mrs K L Johnston

Interim Grades and Reports

Students will receive their final interim grades on **Tuesday 10th March**, followed by written reports on **Tuesday 17th March**. We encourage you to discuss these grades and reports with your son/daughter and contact their Senior Tutor if you have any concerns.

A2 Subject Choices

Students will be asked to make their A2 subject choices next week. They will be given a form on **Tuesday 10th March** to return by **Tuesday 17th March**. Unfortunately, any subject choices made after 17th March cannot be guaranteed to be available for study in Year 13.

AS Level Exams

AS Level exams take place in May and June. Students will be entered for exams in all the subjects they are studying.

Students must prepare thoroughly for these exams and aim to achieve the highest grades possible – including the subject that they plan to discontinue.

Your son/daughter's AS Level results are really important as their predicted final grades will be based on their AS Level results. If students apply to university, they must include their AS Level results and predicted grades on their application form. AS Level results are frequently taken into account by universities when they make offers to students.

Occasionally, students do better than they expect in a subject at AS Level and this can change their A2 subject choices. If this happens, we do all we can to ensure their change of subject can be timetabled.

AS Level Results Day

AS Level Results Day is on **Thursday 13th August**. We recommend that students come into school at 11.00 a.m. to collect their results on the day, although we realise it can be difficult for families to arrange holidays around this date. Further details about Results Day will be given to students in the Summer Term.

CRGS Higher Education Evening

You are warmly invited to attend this event on **Tuesday 28th April** at the Sixth Form Centre. Please arrive by **6.50 p.m.** for a 7.00 p.m. start. The event should finish by 8.30 p.m. The evening will provide a useful overview of the Higher Education process and UCAS application procedures. There will be a talk on Student Finance, as well as advice from our Year 13 students. Students will receive this information as part of their Higher Education Day in June.



Awards Evening

The school is holding its annual Awards Evening on **Wednesday 25th March** at **7.30 p.m.** at King George's Hall, Blackburn. All Year 12 students and their parents are invited to attend. Former pupils of CRGS Main School are asked to attend Awards Evening to receive their GCSE Certificates.

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Study Leave

Students will be given study leave to prepare for their AS exams. This will begin on **Friday 8th May** at 3.45 p.m.

Students return from study leave on **Monday 8th June**. They will begin work on their A2 level courses and start to prepare their Higher Education applications. Please do not arrange holidays until after the school closes for the summer holiday on **Friday 17th July**.



Careers and Higher Education Events

On **Thursday 12th March**, students will visit Manchester Central for a UCAS and Higher Education Convention attended by universities, colleges and employers. Students will be encouraged to think about their future plans.

Students will also visit either Leeds or Liverpool University on **Friday 19th June**.

This will be followed by a Higher Education Day in school on **Tuesday 23rd June** when colleagues from local universities will provide advice about making university applications and writing personal statements. There will also be talks on student finance, studying abroad and apprenticeships.

Students who are considering applying to medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and/or Oxford/Cambridge will have the opportunity to attend information and guidance sessions in school.

University Visits during the Summer Term

On **Wednesday 24th June**, students will have a research day which they can use to visit universities or complete research for their applications.

In addition, we allow students to attend university visits during the final half-term of the Summer Term. This is because we do not want them to miss lessons in the Autumn Term of Year 13. Visits should be authorised by a letter from a parent/carer which must be handed into the Main Office before the visit.

AQA Baccalaureate and Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

We held an assembly at the beginning of March to promote this exciting qualification which is worth half an A Level (and UCAS points). Participants are required to complete a 5000 word dissertation or a lecture/event on a theme of their choice. If students wish to be considered for this qualification, they should collect an application from the Main Office and submit it by Friday 20th March. Applications will be carefully considered as there are a limited number of places available.

Financial Assistance

Please take a look at the Financial Assistance section of our website at www.crgs.org.uk

for useful links to Student Finance, travel discounts and student cards.

GoogleApps

All students have a Google Apps account which they can access at <http://www.crgs.org.uk/Links.html>

This provides them with a personal **school email address** ending @crgsmail.org.uk; a **calendar** for organising their school work; access to **GoogleDocs** word processor, spreadsheet and presentation applications and **Googlesites** where they can create their own website.

We send important messages to students via their @crgsmail address, so please check that your son/ daughter is regularly using their account or has set up an email divert to their personal email account outside school, such as gmail, yahoo or hotmail. If your son/daughter has difficulty accessing GoogleApps they should see an ICT technician in the ICT Room at school.

ParentMail

ParentMail is our main method of communication with parents and carers. If you haven't registered and would like to know more, please contact the Sixth Form Secretaries at sixthform@crgs.org.uk or call 01200 414000.

Authorising Absence

Please remember that if your son/daughter is absent for any reason you should notify the school on (01200) 423118 or by email to sixthformattendance@crgs.org.uk