

The Victory Academy Newsletter

December 2021

Principal's End of Term Address

It has been a busy term with a number of events, trips and clubs up and running again. Our students have been exemplary in representing us within the community and further afield.

Despite Covid-19, staff have worked tirelessly to ensure our young people have the best possible chances to achieve. I have been very impressed with the work ethic and the desire to do well by the vast majority of our students.

As you will know, we are working with a number of our ex-students and industry friends as part of our Victory Futures. We have had numerous visitors working with our students to share real life experiences of careers, time at university and college and how they have reached their goals. Many of our youngsters feel inspired to pursue aspirational careers.



As we draw to the end of term and reflect upon everything our staff and students have achieved, I am left feeling extremely proud to be at the helm of The Victory Academy. I am very much looking forward to continuing to work with you all to ensure the very best possible life chances for our young people.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous 2022.



Key Dates

Term 3

All students return to school on Wednesday 5th January at the following times:

Year 10, 11, and Sixth Form arrive at 8.35am

Year 7, 8 and 9 arrive at 9.50am

Friday 14th to Friday 21st January –
Year 11 Mock Exams
w/c 24th & 31st January – Year 10
Mock Exams

Thursday 3rd February – Year 12
Parents' Evening

Thursday 10th February – Year 8
Parents' Evening

Term 4

w/c 7th March – Year 13 Mock Exams
Thursday 10th March – Year 10
Parents' Evening
Thursday 17th March – Year 9 Parents'
Evening

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Updates and News

Uniform

Ahead of the new term here are some important reminders regarding student uniform expectations and general appearance:

Uniform

- *All students should arrive to school wearing their blazers and these should be worn as students move around the Academy.*
- *Black V-neck jumpers may be worn in addition to blazers but not instead of a blazer. Hoodies, tracksuit tops and round neck jumpers are not school uniform and will be confiscated for collection at the end of the day.*
- *Socks should be plain black and ankle length*
- *Leggings should not be worn*
- *Skirts should be knee-length, dropped-waist and pleated (any other style is considered incorrect and is not permitted in the Academy)*
- *Trainers should not be worn to school. If students have PE or Performing Arts lessons that day they should carry their trainers in a bag.*

General Appearance

- *One small plain gold or silver stud in the lower lobe with no other visible piercings including tongue piercings*
- *No other visible jewellery other than a wristwatch*
- *No make-up, including false eyelashes*
- *Nail polish, including false nails should not be worn and will have to be removed before entering the Academy*
- *Hairstyles should be appropriate and of a natural colour and not contain exaggerated colours, styles or adornments. Patterns or tramlines should not be shaved into the hair or eyebrows*

Online Safety

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students took part in the 'Is It Worth It?' Online Safety Tour, with Kent Police. The tour delivered key messages regarding online safety, covering topics such as cyber-bullying,



sexting, social media and gaming.

Kent Police have also created information sheets with trusted websites, resources and advice. They can be read [here](#).

VICTORY FUTURES

Victory Futures

Term 1 and 2 brought exciting opportunities for our students! We had numerous Friends of Victory visit the Academy and speak with students. This included a paramedic, a doctor, police, Fleet Manager at Eurovia, universities and a fashion designer. Students were able to hear the journey that they took, and how they reached their goal.



If any parents/carers would like to share their story or offer opportunities for young people to experience the workplace, please contact Miss Simperl at lsl@tsatrust.org.uk

Make the Future Yours

[Make the Future Yours!](#) is aimed at students aged between 15 and 19 and their parents. The magazine is designed to inspire young people and to signpost them to work and education opportunities.

Term 2 Events

Children in Need

On Friday 19th November, we held fundraising activities for Children in Need. This included a doughnut sale, face painting, and a 'Guess How Many Sweets' competition.



We took part in the TSAT Great Pudsey Bake Off. The challenge was to create a Pudsey themed Showstopper piece at home that is fun, colourful and delicious! A special guest panel came in to judge the Showstoppers and selected winners from each school in the Trust. The Victory Academy winner was Georgina M (Year 9), who created an amazing Pudsey Victoria sponge. Summer-Louise M (Year 7) also received special recognition for her bake. Both cakes were then auctioned off to raise money – congratulations to both!



We also held a cupcake competition for students to bake and decorate six colourful cupcakes. Well done to our winner Jack S and our two runners up Chloe P and Ismila S (Year 8).

A huge thank you to everyone who got involved and raised money for Children in Need.



Remembrance Service

On Thursday 11th November The Victory Academy held a Remembrance Service to remember those in the Armed Forces and their families.

The service began with a prayer and 'The Stand' by John Bailey read by Amina H (Year 7) and Derron G (Year 13). The playing of the 'Last Post' on the trumpet then signalled the start of the silence. After this a wreath was laid at the foot of our flagpole as a mark of respect for those who have lost their lives.



The Medway Sea Cadets also attended different services and events. Full information can be found [here](#).

Safeguarding

Support Resources

[Kooth](#) is an online mental wellbeing community. They have a range of resources, including a magazine with helpful articles and tips, discussions boards, a daily journal to track feelings and emotions, and a live chat facility. For support over the Christmas period here are the chat availability dates and times:



Our team is still here to provide mental wellbeing support over the holiday period.

Chat Availability Dates and Times

Thursday 23/12/21 12pm - 10:00pm	Monday 27/12/21 4pm - 8:00pm	Friday 31/12/21 12pm - 6:00pm
Friday 24/12/21 12pm - 8:00pm	Tuesday 28/12/21 4pm - 8:00pm	Saturday 1/01/22 4pm - 8:00pm
Saturday 25/12/21 4pm - 8:00pm	Wednesday 29/12/21 12pm - 10:00pm	Sunday 2/01/22 6pm - 10:00pm
Sunday 26/12/21 6pm - 10:00pm	Thursday 30/12/21 12pm - 10:00pm	Monday 3/01/22 4pm - 8:00pm

Find support today by visiting [kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

[Gurls Out Loud](#) is a campaign by the Internet Watch Foundation to stop online sexual abuse. Their website has information on grooming, the signs of sexual abuse, and what to do (block, report, tell).

[MEGAN CIC](#) (Medway Engagement Group and Network) offers wellbeing calls, online peer support groups, social media support and Peer 2 Peer befriending calls.



Medway Street Angels

Medway Street Angels is a charity that supports the local homeless community, and those in need, by offering advice, comfort and practical help. More information about the charity can be found on their website [here](#).

To help our local community, our students and staff brought in donations for Medway Street Angels. This included hats, gloves, hand warmers, hot water bottles, toiletries, food and more. They will be distributed by the charity to homeless people in Chatham and the Medway areas.

A big thank you to everyone who brought in a donation.



Thinking Conversations

Edition 1: CoRT Tools

This informative Thinking Resource can be used to engage in a reflective conversation with your child about their Thinking Mastery task, completed in form time last week. We will be posting more thinking-based resources on our social media channels throughout the academic year.

What are CoRT tools?

CoRT (Cognitive Research Trust) is the name given to a programme of 60 'thinking tools' designed by Dr Edward de Bono.

CoRT was designed to explore the direct teaching of thinking as a skill in schools. Originally formulated for teachers of English, the programme is now used throughout the education sector, across subjects.

Benefits of The CoRT Tools:

- ✓ People can learn to think and judge for themselves
- ✓ Develop a greater understanding and appreciation of your own potential
- ✓ Become more proactive and constructive
- ✓ Provides for broader thinking and a more comprehensive viewpoint or decision

What your child has been doing in form time this week:

completed w/c 6th December

TASK 13: Rate your thinking

This exercise will help you to zoom in and focus on the areas that are the most important for a holistic approach at becoming self-aware.

Look at each area and rate from a scale of 1, being little, or an area for most improvement, to 10, being extremely self-aware and confident in this aspect of your life.



Striving for awareness

BELIEF IN YOURSELF										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
ABILITY TO BE POSITIVE										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
DECISION MAKING										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
ABILITY TO STICK TO GOALS										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
SELF-REFLECTION										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
DESIRE TO LEARN AND GROW										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

How you can use CoRT tools with your child at home:

Consider All Factors

This tool is to identify all the different factors involved in a situation e.g. different reasons why something has happened.

Ask your child to consider all factors that might have influenced their decision when completing their 'rate your thinking' activity during this week's Thinking Mastery task.



First Important Priorities

You use this tool to prioritise ideas, concepts and actions.

Ask your child to consider their First Important Priorities in order to identify their areas for development.

Consider what strategies they might use in order to improve the areas identified.





Performing Arts

Creative Activities

Across terms 1 and 2 the Performing Arts department has put on a variety of creative activities in their lessons and extra-curricular clubs.

- Dance workshops with ex-students / professional dancers for Year 7

- 'The Lion King' West End trip

- Year 7 performed African Dance and African Drums in Music and Dance lessons

- Year 8 performed physical theatre in Dance lessons

- Year 9 put on their own productions in their bands from conception to performance across the whole of term 2

- Year 9 have tried out accents and technical theatre designs whilst exploring the acclaimed musical 'Blood Brothers'

- Year 10 PA students performed pieces from the musical adaptation of 'Shrek' and the play 'Hard to Swallow'

- Year 10 Music students planned and prepared their own concert celebrating past and present music talent

- Year 10 Drama have created set designs and explored duologues from the play 'DNA'

- Year 11 PA students performed 'Welcome to the Rock' from the award-winning musical 'Come From Away'

- Year 11 Music students created their own compositions for a nature documentary, a film, a TV show, and a computer game

- Year 12 performed an adapted pantomime

- Drama Club created many entertaining sketches!

- Dance club have been performing commercial numbers with some Hip Hop moves

- Musical Theatre club have been performing 'Dream Girls' and contemporary dance numbers

- Music Technology club has been incredibly popular to engage students in how to use the recording studio and composition software

- Choir club have been preparing for a carol concert to the local elderly community

- British Sign Language was included in our Victory Day celebration and continues to grow from strength to strength in our BSL lunch club

- Technical Theatre club students have been creating costume designs, masks, set drawings, and developing lighting ideas

- PA staff have taken part in Medway Creative Schools' Network as well as music-making CPD to keep involved in creating new material themselves!

Performing Arts Ambassadors

The department has also introduced Performing Arts Ambassadors, who have been fantastic in supporting communication about the clubs available and have been the faces of Performing Arts. Thank you and congratulations to Georgina M, Emils L, Isabel H and Xanthi G!

Performing Arts Photos



Singing Competition

On 15th December our students took part in a House Singing Competition. Congratulations to the winners Leviathan for their rendition of Jingle Bell Rock! We had performances from:

Ocelot with Miss Beere – I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday
Gannet with Miss Rozario – Merry Christmas Everyone

Cavalier with Miss White – Last Christmas
Leviathan with Mr Thomas – Jingle Bell Rock



Maths

Senior Maths Challenge 2021

Congratulations to all the Upper and Lower Sixth Students who took part in this year's UK Senior Maths Challenge.

The Department of Mathematics at The Victory Academy was really pleased to see so many students taking part in this year's challenge. Everyone who took part deserves praise.

There were lots of excellent scores and several students who were just a couple of points away from being awarded a Bronze Certificate. A special well done to Daniel (Year 12) who was awarded a Bronze Certificate and we are confident that he will achieve a Gold Certificate next year.

Our hope is that everyone who competed in their Lower Sixth will have another go next year.



Maths department corridor

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The Maths department also would like to thank all the Year 10 and 11 (16 students) who always attend the early morning, and Lunch and Learn sessions run by Mr Aly, Mr Vas, Miss Henry.

Here are the current Maths clubs:

Maths Club	Day	Time	Room
Year 11 Revision	Thursday Week B	Period 6 3.05pm-4.00pm	F154/F175/F165/F172/ F170/F173
Maths Homework	Monday & Tuesday	Lunchtime 1.20pm-2.05pm	G95
STEM	Wednesday	3.05pm-4.00pm	F173
Form Time HPA	Wed, Thurs & Fri	8.40am-9.00am	F154
Zero Lesson	Monday to Friday	7.30am-8.30am	F175
Lunch and Learn	Monday to Friday	1.20pm-2.00pm	F154/F175/F173

Modern Foreign Languages

Language Ambassadors

The MFL department would like to congratulate the following Year 8 students for their relentless commitment to being Language Ambassadors:

- Carmen J
- Adrian R
- Lily Jean O
- David T
- Stefan S
- Darius P

The students have spent much time preparing and practising their delivery of a French lesson, which we plan to teach when we visit New Horizons next term. We are keen to extend this offer to other feeder primary schools throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We would like to thank the following students for their commitment to International Cookery Club:

- Esther B
- Hafsa D
- Carmen J
- James G
- Stefan S
- Khaira D
- Lily Jean O
- Megan C

Our favourite dish this term was 'des vols au vent au jambon et fromage'.

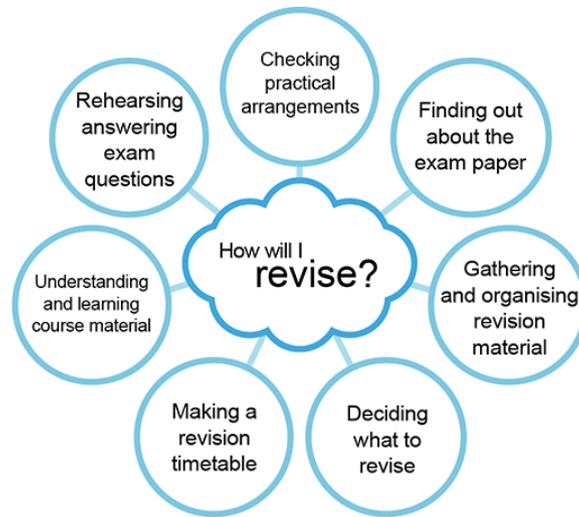
We would also like to thank our Year 8 and 9 students who regularly support our International Film Club on Tuesdays. It's great to see so many interested in international cinema!

Business Studies

Revision Tips

Use Microsoft Teams Year 11 resources to access past papers, knowledge organisers and example answers.

Complete the Microsoft Forms retrieval quizzes to help with retention and retrieval of knowledge for Business and Enterprise and Marketing.



Work Shout Out

Tuesday 5th October 2021

Legislation

B2: A company that operates in multiple countries. ✓
 S1: Globalisation benefits: more money, less unemployment, helps economic climate.
 G2: One consequence of exchange rates changing is that the costs to import will increase.

Diagram 1: Legislation (Employment Act 2002) vs Consumer Law (as described - all for purpose - substance quality)

Diagram 2: Location (Lords vs Tesco) vs Competitive environment (Price, Customer service, Quality, Product range) vs Apple watches against pendants and watches.

Friday 10th September 2021

Setting business aims and objectives

1) A sole trader has unlimited liability meaning their personal belongings are at stake.
 2) One advantage of a private limited company is that you have more control of the company. Another advantage is that all profit made goes to you and not the shareholders.
 3) A private limited company does not distribute profits, all profits go to the owner. A p.

Why do business objectives change?
 Business size
 Level of competition faced
 Type of business

Stakeholder position captures business:
 Customers
 Local community
 Shareholder
 Suppliers
 Employees

Two stakeholders of a business would be customers and employees.

Diagram: Business objectives (Ethical objective, Survive, Earn Profit, Increase market share) surrounded by stakeholder positions.

Tuesday 5 October 2021

Cost of producing the product or service

Starters

1. methods of customer feedback:
 - social media
 - online surveys.

2. reasons a business obtains customer feedback:
 - to improve the business
 - focus on wants and needs of customers.

One disadvantage of social media reviews:
 - it's public so everyone can see it and then other business would take those answers and can use them.

most expensive: fixed costs (FC)

Diagram: Fixed Costs (FC) tree diagram including Rent/mortgage, insurance, advertising, loan repayments, salaries/wages of employees/managers, utilities.

variable cost (VC)

Diagram: Variable Costs (VC) tree diagram including stock inventory, raw materials, components, packaging cost.

1. 3500 = calculate total cost for an output of 100 buckets and spades.
 2. variable cost for one bucket and spade = 5
 $500 \div 100 = 5$
 100 buckets + spades
 variable = 500
 fixed cost = 3000
 $3000 + 500 = 3500$

Business Studies
Key Dates

Wednesday 12th January – Enterprise and Marketing exam

Saturday 8th January – Enterprise and Marketing weekend revision

10.30am – 12.30pm



Physical Education

Year 10 Girls Handball Team

Clubs

Back in September, the Victory PE Department were looking forward to bringing back their extra-curricular programme. However, we underestimated how much our pupils had missed these clubs as we have seen record attendance week on week! It is great to see all of our pupils enjoying fitness club, football, badminton, basketball, boxing and rugby. Look out for the club time table for Term 3.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

This academic year has also seen the relaunch of our Duke of Edinburgh Award. We have had a fantastic uptake with 35 pupils signing up to take part in the Bronze Award. Pupils have downloaded their D of E accounts and are uploading information about 3 of their 4 individual sections; Physical, Skill and Volunteering. Pupils are involved in different activities from boxing, hockey, football, walking, basketball and fitness for their Physical section. In the Skill section we have pupils learning sign language, photography, cookery, beatboxing, and the piano. Finally, for the Volunteering Section pupils have committed to help work in Charity Shops in the local area, reading club within the Academy and at the local library, coaching at different sporting clubs and giving up their time to support at the various pet rescue centres. All this is building towards our two-day expedition at the end of the academic year.

If any pupil in Year 9 or above are interested in doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award, please see Mr Doyle.

Secondary School Games

We have also been busy entering all of the Secondary School Games (SSG) competitions. Teams have represented Victory at X-Country, Badminton and Handball. We had great success in the X-Country competition. Special mention to the following pupils who were selected to represent Medway at the Kent X-Country competition: Jack W, Ollie G, Lewis T, Maksymilian P, Tedora G, Charlotte N and Julija A. We look forward to the Sports Hall Athletics and Rugby Union competitions in Terms 3 and 4.





Football

We have also seen lots more Inter-School competition with the resuming of the Medway School Football Leagues. The Victory Academy have teams in all year groups. We had lots of football fixtures in Term 1 and games continue again in Term 4 for all year groups. Our **Year 7** team, led by Mr Cass, currently sit 2nd in the table with two wins and a draw from five matches. Well done to the Year 7 team on such a great start to the season. Our **Year 8** have not been able to play many games in term 1, with 2 defeats so far. However, when we can secure a new manager, in Term 4 they will look forward to playing a few games and climb the table. Our **Year 9**, led by Mr Doyle, have started the season really well with 2 wins from 2 games. Again, the Year 9 will play a lot of games in Term 4 and will hope to challenge for the league title. Finally, our Year 10, led by Mr Marco currently sit top of the league with four wins from five. They will look to build on their strong start and also push for the league title in Term 4. Well done to all the students who have represented the Academy so well and remember that APD are still doing Football training on a Monday after school for all years.

APD Football Academy

The 6th Form Football Academy boys have been working really hard since coming back in September. They have had some really positive results including beating top of the league 1-0 in their latest game. They have scored 28 goals this season including Cup games, and the attacking style of play is something the boys have taken well to.

Charity Match

The Football Academy were able to demonstrate their skills against a courageous Staff team in the first Victory Charity match, to raise funds for a Defibrillator for School and Community use. The game was very exciting and ended 3-3, with the Football Academy winning 4-2 on penalties.



Basketball

Term 2 has seen the start of our Basketball clubs and the Medway Basketball league. Year 7/8 Basketball team played Leigh Academy this term and, despite losing, they played very well. We have lots of basketball fixtures in term 3 for all of our year groups. Basketball club is on a Wednesday for Years 7 and 8 and a Thursday for Years 9 and 10. Everyone is welcome.

Art

Arts Award

An incredible 196 of our Year 9 Students have been awarded their Bronze Arts Awards.



Rooks' Books is a collection of handcrafted mosaic tiles, put together as a memorial plaque on a wall of the school building. Each student designed and created their own ceramic tiles inspired by their favourite books in memory of Sam Rooks, a loved and respected teacher at Victory who sadly lost his life last year. Beautiful and moving in its significance, Rooks' Books Memorial is a lovely way for students and staff to remember Mr Rooks, as well as a brilliant expression of the school's dedication to the Arts. This fantastic piece of artwork formed the basis of the students' Arts Award project, which also required them to build individual portfolios demonstrating their artistic interests, experience, research and practice. The Arts Award requires real creativity, commitment and lots of hard work, and the completion of this Award by 196 students at Victory is a testament to the dedication of its staff and hard work of its students.



Art Club

Our KS3 Art club is open to all Year 7, 8 and 9 students every Wednesday after school. Students are currently working on designing and painting their own tote bags.



Year 10 News

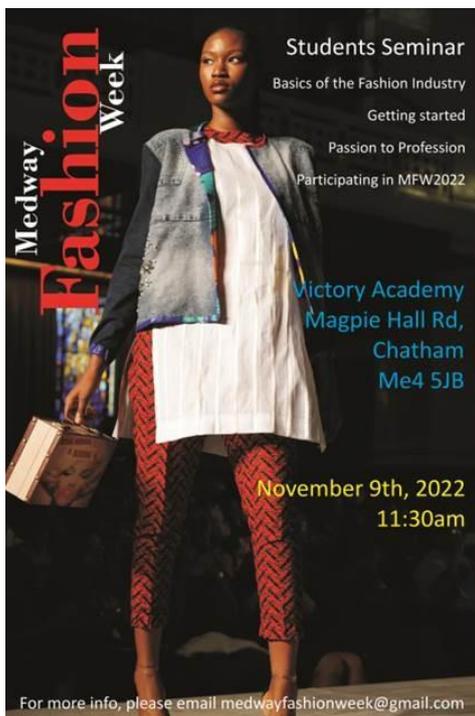
Career Talks and Workshops

This term we have welcomed a variety of professionals to provide career talks for our students.

Dr Ben who has recently qualified as a doctor came in to discuss his journey through Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form and what his job is like.



For the Medway Promise Project we had an exciting workshop exploring a creative career in fashion. This was led by Eddy Eguaoje, founder of EddyBond International and Medway Fashion Week.



Term 1 and 2 Focus

Our Year 10 focus at the start of this academic year has been careers and punctuality to our lessons.

We have had some excellent workshops and career talks which Year 10 have been able to access. We will continue to offer more in term 3 and throughout the academic year.

The year group have made a really positive start to their GCSEs and made great strides in their learning.

Top Positive Points

Well done to the below students for their engagement in their learning so far this year.

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| Favour O | Joshua A |
| Gracie Mae M | Nancy L |
| Emils L | Oliver O |
| Oliver H | Paige I |
| Austin L | Ebenezer B |

Rewards

Teachers are still issuing Victory Citizen Points on Behaviour Watch. We will continue to reward those students at the end of term with the most points.



Year 11 News

Learning Period 6 and Reward Club

As Year 11 students move closer to their examinations, lots of pupils in Year 11 have been attending and taking advantage of period 6 lessons after school on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This is a chance to complete coursework or revise in a variety of subjects. A new Period 6 timetable will be going out to all students during Term 3.

We have over 40 students regularly attending Reward Club on a Friday after school until 4pm. Pupils are invited every Friday if they have received zero negative points and achieved 100% attendance for the week. Activities include; football, basketball, dodgeball, Xbox, games and students receive a doughnut each.

Careers Advice

Year 11 students have been meeting with the Careers Advisor this term and this has really been helpful for pupils to gain vital information on their next steps and career aspirations. We have also had workshops for students interested in Medicine, Construction and IT recently.

It was great to see so many parents and careers at our Year 11 Parents' Evening and Sixth Form Open Evening this term. If your child needs further support in their career aspirations and/or further guidance on Sixth Form and College applications, please do contact Mr Cass or Miss Simperl.

Examinations and Revision Skills

In January, some students are sitting their GCSE examinations in Health and Social Care, Enterprise and Marketing and Creative iMedia. All Year 11 students are also sitting their last mock examinations at the end of January. Good luck to all students with your examinations in January.

Please encourage students to revise over the coming weeks. All revision resources can be found on Teams or have been handed out by members of staff in each subject area. Allow students to find a quiet place to revise and complete small chunks of revision with rest periods.

The Student Room has a helpful article with study tips and how to keep focused over the holiday period [here](#).

In January, we will be running workshops with Year 11 students. These will include; revision skills, examination techniques and how to deal with exam stress and anxiety.

Students of the Term

Well done to the following students who have received the most positive points this term.

Tommy P	Aaron S
Peace L	Shay H
Awais A	Chloe B
Zeak H	Benjamin O
Josiah K	Mariana C
Emese D	Jan C

Managing Your Time

Effective time management is all about being realistic about how much time you have and how long jobs will take. You'll also need to prioritise your tasks and break more complex ones down into simpler stages. Take a look at these tips from OCR below:

Break tasks into smaller chunks. Allocate time for each task and work out what order you need to do them in. It helps to work backwards from your deadline to see when you should start and finish each chunk.

Divide your week into hour-long slots and colour-code them according to what you do, e.g.

- Sleeping
- Eating
- Commuting
- Lectures
- Socialising
- Hobbies



Highlight the remaining slots for study. It is a good idea to have extra slots that you can use to catch up if you fall behind or if something affects your regular study schedule.

Be realistic – check how much independent study you are supposed to be doing on your course. And make sure you allow time for relaxation, exercise and sleep.

Head of Year 11

I would like to wish all of our Year 11 students and families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming students back in January. Mr Cass – Head of Year 11.

Sixth Form News

The Crow's Nest

Our Sixth Form has a fortnightly newsletter, The Crow's Nest. All versions can be found on our website [here](#).



The Crow's Nest

The Victory Academy 6th form fortnightly newsletter



Welcome from the Head of Year 6th form:

Welcome all to the fourth edition of The Crow's Nest. We are truly stuck into term 2 now with year 13 mocks done and dusted and year 12 mocks on the horizon! Tonight we have our 6th form open evening and we are very excited to welcome current year 11s from our school and beyond to show off all the wonderful options we have post-16. Meanwhile in the 6th form centre, we have been busy raising money again for Children in Need, with many of our students getting involved in the bake sales.

Our year 12 students have also been heavily involved in the year 11 IAG lessons, giving advice and support to students considering attending our 6th form in September 2022. Miss Simperl and Mr Owen were impressed with the way our students presented themselves and represented the 6th form – well done all!

R. Mulvey

Stars of the week:

Evie

Lois

Maria

Reianna

Ezra

J

Jake B

Sergejs

Leighlou

Bethan

Sophie

Drew

Tyana

Derron

Chloe

Emily

Upcoming events:

6th form open evening 4-6:30pm
Thursday 2nd
December 2021

Year 12 Mocks WB
6th and 13th
December

Last day of term is
Friday 17th
December

Football focus:

Although we unfortunately lost our match 4-3 this week, Dan our head coach was extremely proud of how our boys played, saying "I am extremely proud of the boys with their performance yesterday despite the result. There was so many positives to take away. I was extremely proud of their resilience throughout the game and how well they communicated it was much better than it has been in recent weeks".

Charity and events:

6th form deserve a massive thank you and well done for the part they played in raising money in the bake sale at break and lunch on Friday for Children in Need.



Universities, Apprenticeships and Careers:

The Succeed programme will be starting soon for mentoring opportunities for year 12 students by the University of Kent.

- The University of Kent Succeed Programme is a programme designed to help young people in Kent and Medway to think about what they might want to do when they finish your level 3 studies. The programme is designed to explore the opportunities and challenges offered by university, supported by a team of friendly and knowledgeable university staff and student ambassadors.
- Funded through the Uni Connect programme, Succeed aims to provide sustained and progressive outreach targeted to specific individuals, who may not progress to Higher Education without additional support, and complements the University's existing outreach provision.

Beyond 6th form:

Year 13 have just started their Words for Work charity programme, working with local businesses to improve their skills in writing formal emails, cover letters and CVs, in addition to interview skills.

What do you want to see from future editions of the Crow's Nest?

Student voice polls will be opening near the end of this term to find out what you'd like to see in the 6th form newsletter. Would you like to see...

- Teacher interviews? How we got into teaching, what jobs we did beforehand and what we were like in school?
- Day in the life of a 6th former? Maybe you'd like to hear a short section from our current students about how they balance life and their workload in 6th form?
- Where are they now? Updates on former students and where they are now at university or beyond.

Have your say, or give your own ideas for the newsletter to Miss Mulvey or Miss Clark before the end of term!

Thank you for reading this first edition of The Victory Academy Newsletter. Our next issue will be published at the end of term 4. On behalf of everyone at Victory we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

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