



# Year 11 Induction

Welcome to St. Patrick's Grammar School

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

*Share. Prepare. Grow. Succeed.*

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## Overview of the Evening:

- Mr Seanpaul Gibson – Head of Year 11
- Ms Teresa Rice – Senior Teacher (Link for Y11 and Y12)
- Induction Evening Booklet and Presentation can be found on the school website: <https://www.spgs.org.uk/>
  - Parents and Students;
    - Induction Evenings 2022;
      - Year 11 Induction



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## **Expectations:**

- You have completed KS3 – now what?
- The challenges of GCSE;
- Your chosen subjects – where will they lead you;
- Beyond GCSE;
- University entry requirements – GCSE Profile;
- Forming good study habits early – p9-17 of booklet.



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## Key Dates:

- Friday 21st October – photograph day;
- September to 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Autumn Assessment: continuous assessment – statistical report;
- Wednesday 14th December 2022 @ 3.30pm – Parent Teacher Meeting;
- Tuesday 24th January – Friday 3rd February 2023 – Spring Assessment: home study days ‘come once/leave once rule’
- Annual School report follows Spring Assessment;
- May – Modular Exams Begin.



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## Child Protection:

- Ms McLoughlin – Designated Teacher;
- Mrs Savage – Deputy Designated Teacher;
- Pastoral Care
  - Your first contact point is the Form Teacher
  - Other important information about student welfare on p 4 - 6



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## **Counselling Service:**

- We provide a confidential counselling service for all students with our counsellor Rachel Johnston
- Contact Ms McLoughlin or your Form Teacher for more information;
- You can also make a booking for this service at reception if you prefer;
- Details of this and other support services are in the booklet and student planner.



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## Study

- At least 2 hours per night;
- Supervised silent study available every afternoon from 3.30-5.00pm in MPHR
- Homework is not just written;
- Timetable – organisation;
- Distraction – phones, iPads, social media;
- Using MS Teams;
- Study Environment;
- Targets;
- Coping with the challenge;





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## Examination Information:

- Our Examinations Team: Ms Walls & Mrs Savage
- **Some subjects offer module examinations in May/June of 2023 – in some subjects, 50% of the course assessed**
- However, throughout there are a number of controlled assessment tasks contributing to the GCSE grade.
- There are no content reductions in place for Year 11.





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## **Student Safety:**

- If collecting your child from school, please do not drive past the turning circle to park in staff carparking areas or the layby just at the main entrance.
- Park in the layby down from turning circle or the car park immediately on the left at the school gates.



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## Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS)

**Promote emotional wellbeing and mental health across your school**

Make your school a place of emotional wellbeing and support by improving mental health provision for all pupils and staff.

This whole-school award offers a supportive and developmental process using an evidence-based framework to drive change.

Undertaking this Award will ensure that mental health and wellbeing sit at the heart of your school life now and in the future, as well as helping you to demonstrate your outstanding provision to key stakeholders.

# Bloom - Promoting Resilience and Positive Mental Health

## **Six sessions covering the following topics:**

Resilience;

Exam Pressures,

Friendships,

Social Pressures,

Thinking about the Future,

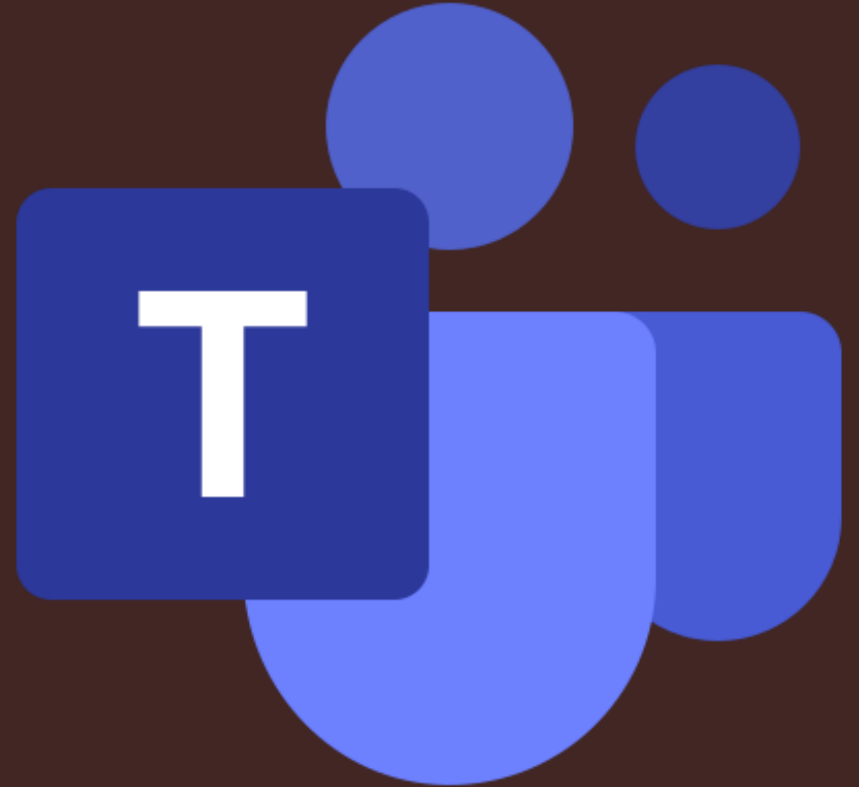
Exam Stress,

Work-Life Balance.



# Microsoft Teams

- Blended approach to learning (online + classroom).
- Students have a MS Team for every subject.
- Students should use Teams to check homework, access resources and communicate with teacher and classmates regarding work outside the classroom.
- If absent, students will be expected to use Teams to complete classwork missed and homework.



# School Gateway App

- **The App provides:**
- Communication between school and home. (E.g. Notice of absence/appointments)
- Access to timetable.
- Access to school reports.
- School news and events.
- Online payments.





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## **Pastoral Matters**

Mr Gibson

Head of Year 11





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## **Attendance:**

- Make ALL appointments, e.g. dental after school whenever possible;
- Holidays during term time cannot be sanctioned by the school;
- Sign in and out of school for all appointments;
- Notes signed by FT during registration on the day of the appointment or the day before, if you are arriving to school late.





Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.



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## **Punctuality:**

- School is preparation for the rest of your life;
- You are expected in school by 9.00am every morning
- If late into school, you must sign in at reception;
- Punctuality will be monitored.





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## **Academic Behaviour:**

- Our expectation is that all pupils will complete all work to a high standard;
- Students have targets and should work towards achieving these;
- Students are given every opportunity and encouragement to succeed;
- The school has a system of monitoring homework: note in planner, lunch time detention, after-school detention.



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## Uniform and Behaviour:

- Be proud to be part of the Red High Community;
- Respect rules regarding hair styles and uniform;
- No hoodie/sport jumper (grey woollen jumper only) black coat OVER blazer;
- Respect others and have a caring attitude;
- Senior school pupils are expected to show increased maturity and responsibility;
- Lead is by example – we are an Investors in Pupils school – you are a future leader.



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## **If you have an issue?**

- Your first port of call is always the Form Teacher – ring reception and leave a contact number;
- If the issue cannot be resolved then contact will be made with Year Head (Mr Gibson) who may seek the support of Ms McLoughlin (Head of Pastoral Care), Mrs Savage (Vice-Principal).





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## Red High Extra Curricular:



- GAA
- Music
- Drama
- Soccer
- Athletics
- SVP
- Charity/Fundraising work
- Fitness Suite
- GET INVOLVED – IT IS YOUR SCHOOL! #RHTID



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**Home – School compact is our working contract:**

Students



School



Parents



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- GCSEs are hard work.
- Plan your work carefully - don't let work mount up, that's when the stress will mount up.
- Share worries and concerns – we're in it together.







# Exams May 2023

- **ULN Number** – lifelong record of their achievement that can be shared with colleges, universities and employers.
- **Candidate Number**- **statement of entries**
- **All units taken in Y11 count toward GCSE final grade**
- **Repeat Arrangements**- **subject teacher/HOD to advise on publication of results**
- Any queries relating to examinations should be directed to Mrs Savage (Vice Principal) [rsavage698@c2kni.net](mailto:rsavage698@c2kni.net) or Ms Walls in the Exam Office [mwalls639@c2kni.net](mailto:mwalls639@c2kni.net)



Start as you mean to go on!

'Strong people look out for themselves.  
The strongest people look out for others.'