



Heolddu Comprehensive School

Opportunity For All

A guide to what happens in years 10 and 11

September

- ❖ All pupil's examination results and teachers assessment grades are collated and analysed by heads of year.
- ❖ Review sessions begin and pupils will be assigned teacher mentors if appropriate. Targets are set for pupils and target grades will be set for pupils.
- ❖ Some coursework deadlines begin (see attached pages)
- ❖ Year 10 parents evening. From September 2011 even though pupils will now be actually in year 11 we will hold a parents evening to discuss how pupils achieved in previous and discuss strategies and set targets to maximise performance in year 11.
- ❖ There will be a pupil/parents evening for any pupils identify as borderline for passing five GCSEs in September of year 11.

October

- ❖ Ongoing reviews and mentoring. Coursework deadlines.

November

- ❖ Ongoing reviews and mentoring.
- ❖ Coursework deadlines.
- ❖ Early entry examinations for year 10 and 11

December

- ❖ Year 11 pupils prepare for mock examinations. This is a real attempt at a 'dry run'. Examinations will take place in the sportshall with external invigilators. Pupils will sit full versions of GCSE papers. **DO NOT WASTE THIS OPPORTUNITY!!!** It is also important to note that subject teachers will use these results as a guide to enter pupils for their final examinations. As a general rule higher tier papers allow candidates to obtain grades A-D, foundation level allows candidates to attain grades C-G.
- ❖ Year 10 and 11 coursework deadlines

January

- ❖ Review sessions to discuss progress towards target grades.
- ❖ Coursework deadlines
- ❖ Early entry examinations for year 10

February

- ❖ Year 11 parents evening. Reports distributed. Mock examination performance discussed.
- ❖ Coursework deadlines.
- ❖ Year 10 work experience

March

- ❖ Coursework deadlines.
- ❖ Review sessions.
- ❖ Pupils construct revision timetable.

April

- ❖ Practical examinations and moderations take place.
- ❖ Oral examinations.
- ❖ Easter revision courses.
- ❖ Coursework deadlines.

May

- ❖ GCSE examinations begin.
- ❖ Year 10 modular examinations.
- ❖ Coursework deadlines.
- ❖ Practical examinations.
- ❖ Field trips.
- ❖ Oral examinations.

June

- ❖ GCSE examinations continue
- ❖ Year 10 modular examinations
- ❖ Coursework deadlines

Please not that this is a most stressful two years for many pupils. Coursework has to be completed and examinations are looming closer. To avoid last minute panic, coursework should be given maximum attention and effort over the two years. Also with so many courses now having coursework completed via controlled assessment (see separate note), pupils must make sure they do their research and prepare outside class to ensure that the very best standard of work is completed on the first draft. A piece of poorly prepared coursework rushed in the last few days or weeks is not the best standard of work a pupils can produce.

Remember, coursework is money in the bank – do not begin your examinations with an overdraft!