

Welcome Newsletter

September 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are pleased to welcome all of our new students to Yale College and would like to assure you of our commitment to enabling our students to achieve their goals in a positive, hardworking and supportive environment.

Achievement is at the heart of everything we do and this newsletter contains information outlining what support the College has to offer. We encourage all of our students to make good use of the facilities and support available to enjoy their studies and make the most of their time at College.

Support

All full time students are members of tutor groups and meet with their Personal Tutor at least once every week to follow a tutorial programme which provides opportunities to discuss progress, attendance and relevant issues.

Other in house support services include Essential Skills, Additional Learning Support, Careers Advice and Guidance, Financial Support, Counselling, Chaplaincy, Nurse, Student Liaison Committees, Youth Worker, Welfare Advice and InfoPoint. All of our students are informed, in their first few days at College, of how to access these services.

We also work very closely with many external support agencies and can access their services to help our students if necessary.

Invitation to meet with Personal Tutors – 28th September 2011

We will be holding a Parent's Evening for all new, full time students on Wednesday September 28th when you will have the opportunity to meet you son/daughter's Personal Tutor. Your child will be given a letter by his/her Personal Tutor in the first few days of term inviting you

to the Evening and informing you of the arrangements. We do hope that you will be able to attend.

There will be two opportunities during the Evening for you to attend a short talk and question and answer session by Suzanne Evans on "Looking Ahead-Applying to University". The talks will be held in the Student Support Centre on the Grove Park campus at 5.30 -6.00pm and 6.00-6.30pm. There is no need to book in advance– please just turn up to the session which is most convenient for you to attend.

Attendance and Punctuality

To maximise the chances of success we expect students to aim for 100% attendance and punctuality. Personal Tutors monitor attendance data weekly so problems can be immediately identified and discussed with students. If a problem is not quickly rectified you will be informed, usually by letter.

If your son/daughter has a legitimate reason for absenteeism and has not informed tutors in advance you are asked to notify the College by telephone before 10.30am on the day of absence to inform the Faculty Officer.

Discipline

Attendance and punctuality are part of the disciplined and reasonable behaviour we expect of all College members. The College has a disciplinary process designed to ensure that the College environment is friendly, safe, civilised and focussed on success.

Information on Progress

To keep you informed of progress you will receive a written report with an invitation to attend a Consultation Evening during the course of the year. You are also welcome to contact your son/daughter's Personal Tutor at any stage.

Term Dates 2011-12

Please find below the term dates for this academic year:

Thursday 8th September 2011 – Friday 21st October 2011

Half Term Holiday

Monday 31st October 2011 – Friday 16th December 2011

Christmas Holiday

**Friday 25th November- Home Study Day*

Tuesday 3rd January 2012 – Friday 10th February 2012

Half Term Holiday

Monday 20th February 2012 – Friday 30th March 2012

**Monday 8th March - Home Study Day*

Easter Holiday

Monday 16th April 2012 – Friday 1st June 2012

Half Term Holiday

(Monday 7th May 2012 – Bank Holiday)

Monday 11th June 2012 – Friday 6th July 2012

Summer Holiday

We would ask that holidays are not taken during term time.

We are committed to ensuring that every student has a very positive and rewarding time at Yale College so please contact us if you require any further information or assistance.

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