



CENTRAL FOUNDATION BOYS' SCHOOL

October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half-Term 1 Achievements and Assessment Point 1

As we approach the end of a successful first half-term, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the many achievements of our Year 11 students. Over the past few weeks, they have shown growth not only in their academic pursuits but also as leaders and role models within our school community.

We are particularly proud of the high levels of attendance and the commitment students have shown to their studies. Their dedication to completing homework and engaging fully in lessons reflects the scholarly attitude that we value at CFBS. One of the most rewarding aspects of this half-term has been witnessing the supportive culture within Year 11. Students have consistently encouraged one another, showing a genuine desire to succeed both individually and as a cohort; their determination to embrace challenges and work collaboratively is inspiring.

I would like to extend special recognition to our Prefects and Student Ambassadors, who have been exceptional role models during key events. They led with confidence and professionalism at our Open Mornings and Evening, showcasing the very best of CFBS. Their leadership in assemblies, particularly on the role of the Student Council and the importance of Black History Month, and their involvement in the BBC Young Reporters Podcasts has been a source of pride for both staff and students.

In addition to their academic and leadership accomplishments, our Year 11 students have represented the school with distinction in sports, music, and the arts. Their involvement in these activities not only enriches their school experience but also helps them develop skills that will serve them well in the future. We encourage all students to sign up to at least one co-curricular activity. Please see enclosed the 2024-25 CFBS co-curricular timetable.

Assessment Point 1 (AP1)

Please find enclosed the Year 11 AP1 exam timetable. AP1 is scheduled to begin the week commencing 4th November 2024.

- Students are required on all days to be in full school uniform.
- Students are expected to arrive at school by 8.30 am to mirror the GCSE exams; exams will start at 8.50 am, 11 am and 1 pm.
- Students are dismissed after their last exam.
- Students should bring full equipment to each exam, including a calculator, 2 black pens, a pencil and a ruler.
- Smartwatches and mobile phones are not allowed in exams.

There will be an opportunity to discuss your son's progress and attainment at the Year 11 **Parents' Evening on Tuesday, 3rd December.**

Small Group Learning (SGL)

Sessions continue throughout the half-term and on Saturdays from 9.15 am to 12.30 pm. A separate letter has been sent to you confirming the timetable of these sessions.

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Homework Support

Your son has been set homework tasks on SatchelOne to be completed over the half-term to support preparation for AP1. The homework set is the revision for the exams. Students are required to complete at least two hours per day, 14 hours a week of homework.

Homework Support Sessions

The Year group have completed over 80% of their homework with most students having a 100% completion rate. For students who miss homework deadlines, the school provides compulsory after-school and Saturday sessions. These are designed not only to help students catch up but also to improve their organisational skills in managing their academic studies.

These sessions run Monday to Friday from 3:20 to 5:00 pm, Saturday 9.15am -12.30pm

How Parents and Carers Can Support

- Ensure your son completes at least two hours of homework each evening.
- Provide a quiet, conducive environment for study.
- Ensure your son attends catch-up sessions if they have been identified as needing additional support.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for students to maximise their educational opportunities. Students with attendance above 97% consistently perform well in their exams, which equates to missing no more than five days across the school year. Low attendance has a significant impact on outcomes, and we ask for your continued partnership in establishing consistent routines that support success.

Please remember **we do not authorise holidays during term time** and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued. In the event where there are extenuating circumstances a request in advance should be made in writing to the Headteacher.

Upcoming events

04/11/24- AP1 Assessment Week
28/11/24- Sixth-form Open Evening 5-7pm
03/12/24 - Y11 Parents' Evening 4-6pm
19/12/24- End of the Autumn Term

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Best wishes,
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