

26th November 2024

Dear parent or carer,

I am writing today to let you know about some important dates over the coming weeks. Below you will find details about:

- Trial Exams - week beginning 2nd December
- Industry Insight Day – Friday 6th December
- Parents Evening for Level 2 and First Year Level 3 – Tuesday 17th December

Trial Exams

Many of our students will be sitting formal examinations in January when we return from the winter break. Trial exams are a vital part of a student's programme and support in giving guidance and advice on how to achieve.

Next week (wb. 2nd December) we have students sitting trial examinations under exam conditions. Students should be working towards these now and revising for these. A schedule of the exam dates is included below. Students have their own exam timetable as well which can be viewed on Edulink.

Due to these trial exams, there will be no Year 2 A Level or Year 2 Single BTEC lessons running next week (this does not apply to Criminology Y2 who are preparing for their controlled assessment). No tutorials will run for any students next week. Unless specifically told by a teacher, all other lessons are running as normal next week.

Students are expected to attend, on time, for all exams in the trial exam period and follow the exam rules. Any student missing from the trial exam will be expected to sit this exam in their own time outside of the trial exam window under staff supervision.

Students need to use this time to prepare for their trial exams and only attend when they have a timetabled exam. The ILC is open throughout for independent revision.

We know for some of our students, trial exam periods trigger feelings of anxiety or stress, and this is normal, however, just to remind you that all our support services remain available throughout this time - the Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team, G05 Wellbeing Space, and F25 ALS (additional learning support space) are all available throughout.

Subject	Start	Finish	WEEK 1	Subject	Start	Finish
Health & Social Care - Diploma Y2 - Unit 4	09:00	12:00	Mon 2nd Dec	Sociology - A-Level	13:30	15:30
Health & Social Care - Extended Diploma Y2 - Unit 4	09:00	12:00		English Literature - A-Level	13:30	15:45
Physics - A-Level	09:00	11:00		Computing - Extended Certificate Y2 - Unit 1	13:30	14:30
Psychology - A-Level	09:00	11:00		Biology - A-Level	13:30	15:30
Law - Extended Certificate Y2 - Unit 3	09:00	11:00		IT - Extended Certificate Y2 - Unit 2 (session 2)	13:30	15:30
IT - Extended Certificate Y2 - Unit 2 (session 1)	09:00	12:00		IT - Extended Certificate Y1 - Unit 2 (session 2)	13:30	15:30
IT - Extended Certificate Y1 - Unit 2 (session 1)	09:00	12:00		IT - Extended Diploma Y2 - Unit 2 (session 2)	13:30	15:30
IT - Extended Diploma Y2 - Unit 2 (session 1)	09:00	12:00		IT - Level 2 - X2 - Unit 2	13:40	14:40
				IT - Level 2 - X1 - Unit 2	14:50	15:50
Health & Social Care - Level 2 - Unit 1	09:00	10:00	Tues 3rd Dec	Health & Social Care - Extended Diploma Y2 - Unit 3	13:30	15:00
English Language - A-Level	09:00	11:30		Further Maths - AS-Level	13:30	14:20
Chemistry - A-Level	09:00	11:00		Religious Studies -A-Level	13:30	15:30
Law - Extended Certificate Y1 - Unit 1	09:00	10:30		Law - A-Level	13:30	15:30
IT - Extended Diploma Y2 - Unit 11 (session 1)	09:00	11:30		IT - Extended Diploma Y2 - Unit 11 (session 2)	13:30	16:00
Business - Extended Certificate Y1 - Unit 2	09:00	12:00		Business - Extended Diploma Y1 - Unit 3	13:30	15:30
				Computing - Extended Certificate Y2 - Unit 2 (resits)	13:30	14:30
			Business - Extended Diploma Y2 - Unit 6	13:30	16:30	
Financial Studies Y2	09:00	10:00	Wed 4th Dec	Applied Science - Extended Diploma Y2 - Unit 7	13:30	16:00
IT - Extended Diploma Y1 - Unit 2 (session 1)	09:00	12:00		IT - Extended Diploma Y1 - Unit 2 (session 2)	13:30	15:30
Applied Science - Extended Diploma Y1 - Unit 1	09:00	11:00		Core Maths - Lv3	13:30	14:30
IT - Extended Diploma Y2 - Unit 14 (session 1)	09:00	12:00		History - A-Level	13:30	16:00
				Business - Level 2 - Unit 9	13:30	15:00
IT - Extended Diploma Y2 - Unit 14 (session 2)	09:00	11:00	Thurs 5th Dec	Psychology - A-Level - (<i>clashes from Mon AM</i>)	13:30	15:30
Health & Social Care - Extended Certificate Y2 - Unit 2	09:00	10:30		Computing - Extended Certificate Y2 - Unit 1 - (<i>clashes from Mon PM</i>)	13:30	14:30
Maths - A-Level	09:00	11:00		Sociology - A-Level - (<i>clashes from Mon PM</i>)	13:30	15:30
Business - A-Level	09:00	11:00		English Literature - A-Level - (<i>clash from Mon PM</i>)	13:30	15:45
Business - Extended Certificate Y2 - Unit 3	09:00	11:00		Maths - A-Level - (<i>clashes from Thurs AM</i>)	13:30	15:30
Applied Science - Extended Certificate Y2 - Unit 3	09:00	11:15		Health & Social Care - Extended Diploma Y1 - Unit 1	13:30	15:00
Business - Extended Diploma Y2 - Unit 7	09:00	12:00				
Business - Extended Certificate Y1 - Unit 2 - (<i>clashes from Tues AM</i>)	09:00	12:00				

Industry Insight Day

On Friday 6th December we are holding our annual Industry Insight Day. This is a dedicated time for students to prepare for their next steps by focussing on gaining employability skills and knowledge around how their subject relates to real-world experience.

The Sixth Form will not be running any classes on this day and all students are expected to engage with an online work experience programme. These will take place on the online employability hub, Springpod, which has a massive collection of online courses and employability resources. By completing courses on Springpod, students will learn a variety of personal skills to help build their confidence and skillset.

Attendance for the day will be marked in relation to the successful completion of the activity. Any student who does not complete the activity on the day will receive a negative attendance concern and be expected to complete the activity in their own time. We are providing this dedicated time to allow all students to engage with employers and industry to support their next steps.

We encourage you to support them in participating in these tasks and boosting the potential for their next steps. Should students not have access to IT at home, or prefer to work on site, we will be open for students to come in and use the lower ILC to engage with the work experience tasks that have been set for them.

Thinking about what comes next is an important element of your time while here at LPSFA. To help you make an informed decision we are launching our annual...



Industry Insight Day

Experience of the workplace



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All students will need to complete this activity either at home or in the ILC in sixth form.

What do you need to do:

You will need to complete a virtual work experience activity during the day. This will help you gain a better understanding of careers linked to the subjects you are studying.

Your teachers signpost you towards different opportunities available to you and you just need to pick most appropriate.

HELP

SUPPORT

GUIDANCE

How will this be checked?

- You will be asked to complete a simple online form to demonstrate you have completed the activity
- Your attendance mark will be awarded on completion of the activity.
- Your teachers will check completion as this is a required part of your course.
- Your tutors will be following up evidencing what you did through logging the activity on Unifrog - this will be discussed as part of 1:1's

Why is industrial experience important?

Choosing what to do in your career may seem easier if you know what you want to be in the future. You can look for opportunities that will help you to develop skills for that career. This could be through:

- a work placement
- an internship
- a shadowing opportunity
- virtual work experience

It's an opportunity for you to:

- test out your career ideas
- improve your skills
- show your commitment and enthusiasm

If you do not know what job you want, or you cannot get your perfect placement, any work experience is better than none. Whatever job you try, you'll learn more about yourself and working life.



UCAS

Experiences in the work place are an important feature of any strong university application. For certain degree courses, though, it's an essential entry requirement. It helps students gain valuable experience to prove their suitability for vocational degrees, as well as transferable skills for all UCAS applications.

What's in it for you?

- Gives you a chance to explore different opportunities within your field of interest.
- Allows you to work through the experience at your own pace on the day
- Gives you a vital experience to talk about in personal statements and job applications.
- Helps you develop employability skills needed for what comes next.

Parents Evening

On Tuesday 17th December, we are holding our first parents and carers evening for Level 3 Year 1 students and Level 2 students. This is a great opportunity to come in and see how your child has made progress in their first term at the academy.

Students can collect a sign-up sheet from reception, the ILC or their tutor and will need to make appointments with staff throughout the evening. The evening starts at 4:15pm and runs until 6:30pm. Unless you have an appointment, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to see the member of staff on the evening.

We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Thank you for your support and good luck to all students sitting trial exams.