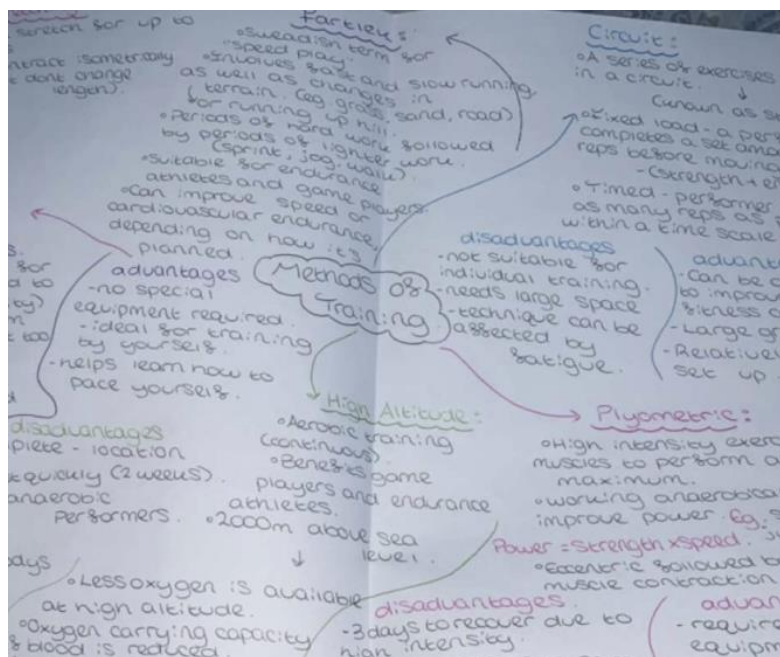
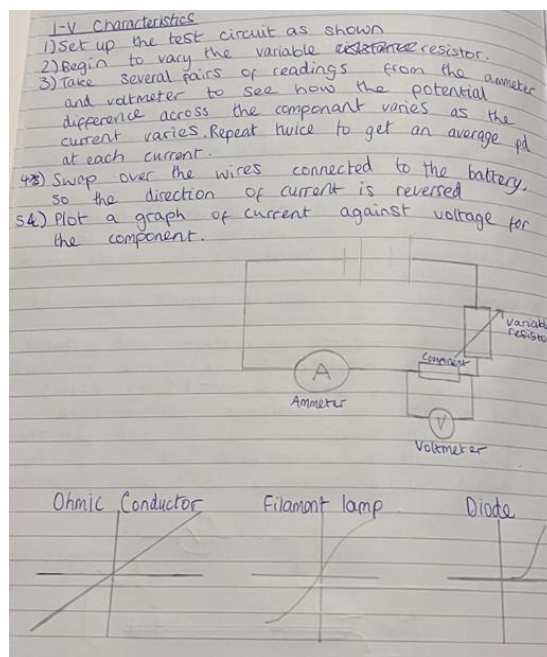


Dear Parents

It is important to start the newsletter this term by praising the Year 11 students on their approach to their mock exams. Their focus, behaviour and effort during the exams has been excellent – the vast majority have worked hard to produce their best in each exam. It is certainly an intense two weeks and the resilience shown by students has been commendable. From speaking to students, it is clear that some have stepped up from Year 10 and engaged in planned, meaningful revision:



GCSE PE Revision



Physics Revision

It is also worth noting that many students, while working exceptionally hard in school, are not putting in the additional time needed. Students will always find it difficult to reach their true potential without working harder for longer. We will continue to support students with revision advice and techniques through tutor time, subject lessons and assemblies.

Mock feedback will start in lessons from Monday, 20th November although it is important to note that some subjects will be able to give feedback quicker than others depending on when the exam was set and the type of exam. You will also receive the mock grade results in the next data report, to be sent out before Christmas.

Looking ahead through the rest of the term, the focus in lessons will be understanding where students need to improve and then finishing the course content. In addition to this we have work experience to look forward to. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the options available to students in the future and, importantly, learn what they may or may not be keen to do in the world of work. As students continue to consider the options available I advise attending the open evenings for the providers they are keen on, to get as much information as possible to make an informed decision on their next steps. A reminder that Mrs Hill is the contact for all careers advice in school (thill@williamhoward.cumbria.sch.uk).

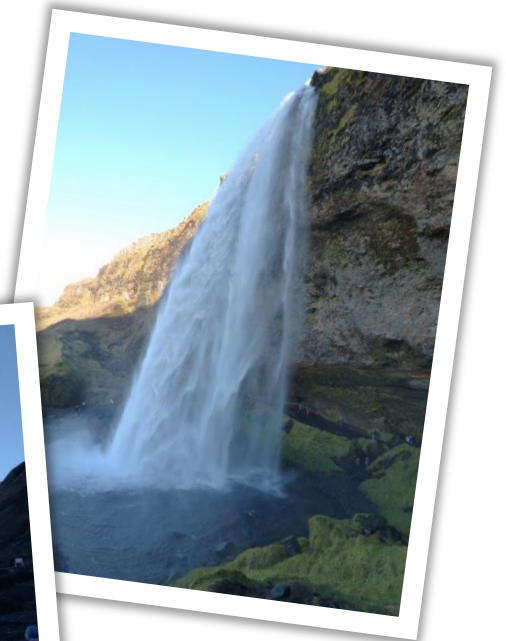
Iceland Trip (20 - 24th October)

I continue to encourage students to take up the additional opportunities available to them at William Howard School. Most recently, we had seventeen Year 11 students fly out to Iceland as part of a Geography trip. The feedback from staff at William Howard and in Iceland was fantastic, with students representing the school excellently.

Daniel Beesley (SBY) has written an account of the trip:

Our first day was spent travelling from Glasgow airport to Keflavik airport with a short one and three quarter hour flight. On day two we travelled around the Reykjavik peninsula where we saw the views of Lake Kleifarvatn, mud pots and steam vents - due to the geothermal activity and volcanic fissures. Day three consisted of the Golden Circle tour where we visited the Helisheild Power station; the fourth largest waterfall in Europe, Gullfoss; the spatter cone, Kerid; the Great Geyser, shooting water 25 meters into the air, and ended with a walk in the Thingvellir National Park. Our final day saw us following the south coast taking in the views of the 60 metre tall Skógafoss waterfall and the Seljalandsfoss waterfall, the black sand beaches of Reynishverfi and the Sólheimajökull glacier, where we learnt about coastal erosion and the impact of climate change on the Icelandic icecaps.

In my opinion I found Thingvellir Park the most spectacular due to the views of the lava flows and volcanoes in the sunset backdrop. This trip has greatly improved my knowledge about the formations created by volcanic and tectonic activity and has inspired me to look into other geographical locations.



Finally, as we progress through the year, I would like to remind all students that, as Year 11 students, they are the role models for many students lower down the school. With this in mind, we continue to expect them to meet our whole school values. Notably, they must take responsibility for wearing the correct school uniform and being punctual around school, and this will not change throughout the year.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions then please do get in touch.

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