



# Regent College Bulletin

Week Commencing 18/01/10

## Week 16

### **Events from Week 15:**

#### *Adverse weather conditions*

Although we encountered severe weather conditions this past week, the examination period commenced without any turbulence. As a result, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our students for taking cautionary measures as well as extra initiative during this crucial examination period.

### **Focus for this week (Week 16):**

- For students that currently have examinations, the focus of the classes since the beginning of term is to provide revision and past paper practice. With regards to teaching the new modules for AS students, this will commence from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010. For the A2 teaching of new modules, this starts on the week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010.
- Due to the current adverse weather conditions, students that have examinations are strongly advised to take extra precaution in arriving earlier for their exams. It is imperative that students are present 30 minutes before their exams. Morning exams start at 9:00am and afternoon exams start at 1:30pm. During this examination period, teachers will be available to assist students with their queries.
- Within the forthcoming weeks, we will be organising talks from several universities. Further details will follow. Additionally, careers advice sessions will also be arranged for the benefit of our students.
- The UCAS process will begin for our AS students within the next few weeks, which will help students in identifying important issues such as university choices.

### **Looking ahead:**

- Progress reports will be sent by week ending 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
- Half term will be between Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

### **Points of thought:**

- Focus Groups: Focus groups have been designed to assist our students who need the greatest amount of support. These groups are managed and run by Miss Houdinet our Learning Skills Co-ordinator. Within these classes Miss Houdinet will be working on study skills, subject specific revision and organisation of homework. If your child has been allocated into a focus group, Miss Houdinet will keep in contact. Additionally, should you feel that your child would benefit more from additional monitoring, please contact us or Miss Houdinet.
- ALPS: In order to measure our rate of success and progress with the students that pass through our college we are introducing the nationally accepted ALPs benchmarking system. This system is one which allocates points to a student according to the grades that they received in each subject in their past public examinations, e.g. GCSEs, and gives the students a points total.  
  
This is then divided by the number of subjects that the student took to give an average number. This number is then used to determine the Minimum Acceptable Grades (MAGs) that a student should get at AS level. Of course, we are aware that there are limitations to this system but this is a nationally accepted, well-tested model and thus we feel it will be highly useful to us in tracking the added value provided to the students.
- Virash Patel who is the Director of Studies, as well as the Head of Science, will also be leading the Regent Medical School Programme. Therefore, students that are considering Medical, Dentistry and Pharmacy options will have the opportunity to meet with Mr Patel to discuss their choices.
- Due to the recent Earthquake in Haiti, we will be organising a fund raising campaign. Further details will follow. Should you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

### **Easter Revision 2010**

- Course structure  
Each revision course lasts five days. There are normally four hours of teaching each day, divided into two morning and afternoon sessions. There will be total of 20 hours teaching for each subject in small groups.  
  
09.00 – 1.00 Morning Session  
  
02.00 – 6.00 Afternoon Session
- Course Dates  
Friday 2nd April - Sunday 18th April 2010