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Senior Subject Selection

2027

Acknowledgement of Country

As Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, together let us have a sense of the importance of the country upon which we are meeting, where learning and ceremony has taken place over many thousands of years.

Let us sense the land beneath our feet, acknowledge to whom it belongs, and pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging. For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.

Prayer

We pray for our students as they begin to prepare for senior schooling.

May you illuminate their hearts and minds as they consider all the possibilities for their future pathways.

Grant the student's clarity of thought and the confidence in their decision-making process.

May they be inspired to explore various career options, considering their strengths and aspirations.

Help them to select subjects that will not only nurture their academic growth but also prepare them for future success.

Amen

Purpose of Presentation

1. Senior Learning at St Joseph's College

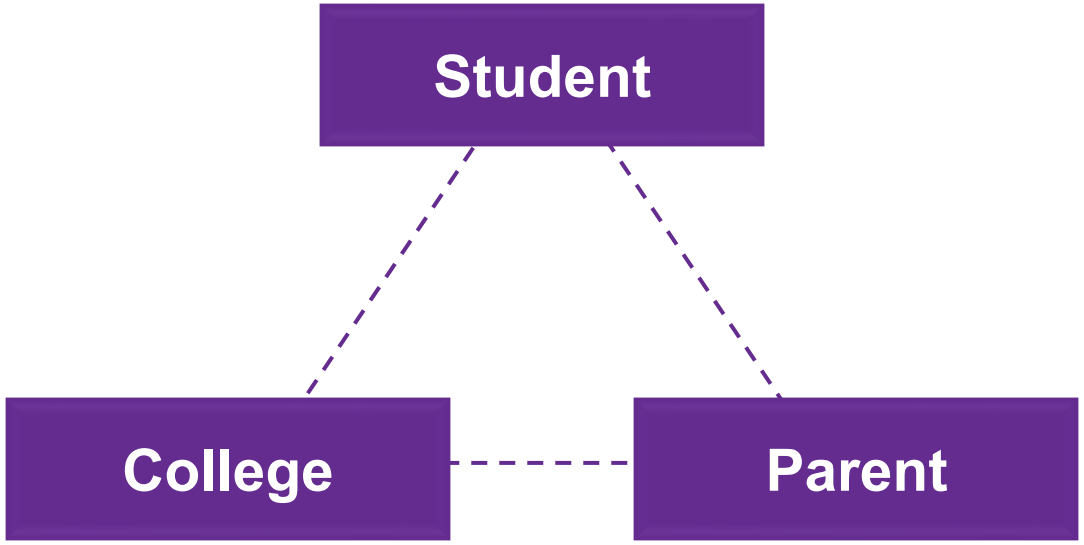
2. Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

3. Senior Pathways at St Joseph's College
   - ATAR Pathway
   - Applied Pathway

4. Subject Expo

A Partnership in Learning

Learning at St Joseph's College
is a Partnership



Success in the Senior Years

1. Establishing partnerships in learning (student, parent, teachers).
2. Commitment and Aspiration
   - mindset
   - goals & prioritise
3. Attendance
4. Engagement in Learning
   - develop agency – taking ownership over your learning
   - setting goals
   - organisation
   - seek feedback
5. Embrace Discomfort
   - learning can be challenging

The Transition to Senior School

- Welcome to Senior Years Learning Day
- Work Experience
- Careers Avenue Profiling
- Welcome to YOUR Future Pathway Day
- Subject Selection Evening
- SET Plan Interviews

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The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

What all learners at St Joseph's College aspire to achieve.

The QCE

- The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is Queensland's senior school qualification. It provides evidence of student's senior achievements.
- It is awarded to eligible students at the end of Year 12 by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).
- The requirements for a QCE are different to those for tertiary entrance.

At St Joseph's College we aspire for all students to graduate with a QCE.

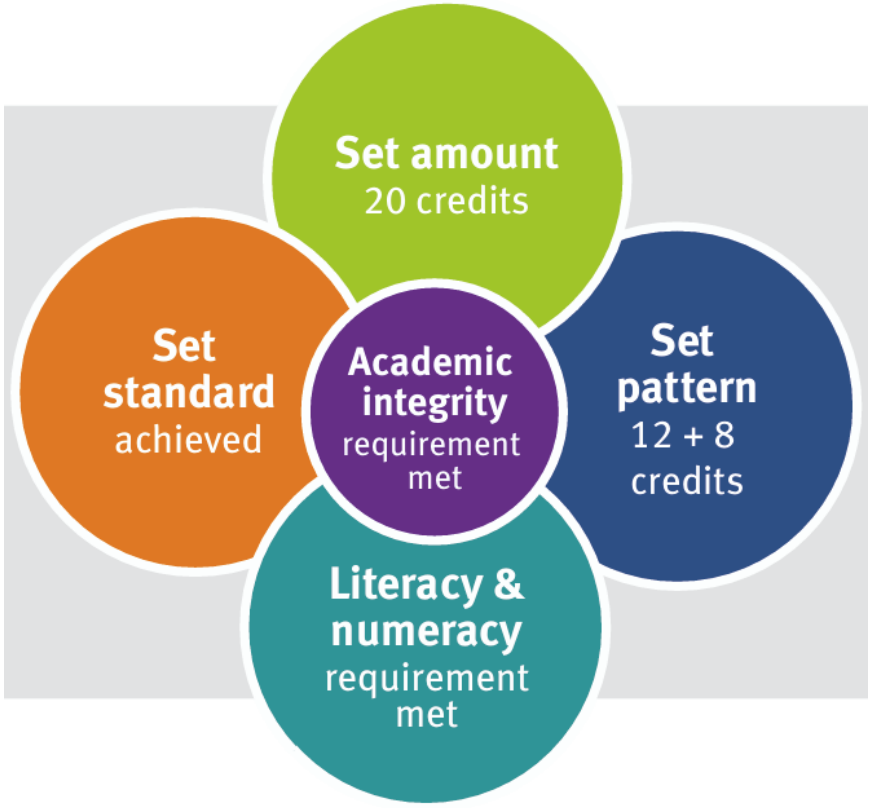
The QCE

- Set amount of 20 credits
- Set standard
  (satisfactory completion; C or better)
- Set pattern

  - 12 credits must come from the completed core
    (school-based subjects, and some Vocational Subjects)

  - Units 1 & 2 – 1 credit each
    (can be obtained independently of each other)

  - Units 3 & 4 – 2 credits
    (credits cannot be split; Units 3 & 4 are a pair)
- Literacy & Numeracy requirements
- Academic Integrity Course



What Do Students Study?

- The QCE is flexible – multiple course options.
- Typically, students will study 6 subjects / courses across Years 11 & 12.
- Students will study:
  - 1 Religion subject
  - 1 English subject
  - 1 Mathematics subject.
- Students will select an additional 3 subjects / courses to make up their study plan.

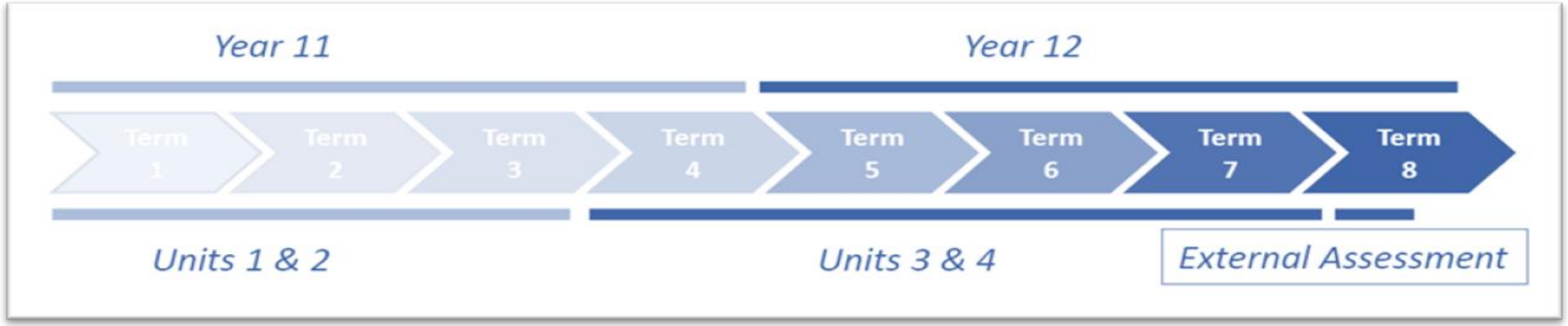
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Subject Types

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Years 11 & 12 – How is learning structured?

- Units of learning (15 weeks)
- Units 1 & 2 will be studied over Year 11 in Terms 1 – 3.
- Units 3 & 4 will be studied over Year 11 in Term 4, and Year 12 in Terms 1 – 3.
- External assessment for General subjects will be conducted state-wide in Term 4, Year 12, during Weeks 4 – 7.



Subject Types

- **General Subjects**
  - academic focus (assessment conditions & course learning requirements)
- **Applied Subjects**
  - academic & practical focus
- **Vocational**
  - School-Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships
  - Certificate II or III
  - Certificate IV
  - Diploma Courses

General Subjects – Units 1 & 2

- Units 1 & 2 are foundational (Year 11)
- Units not Semesters (Units are roughly 15 weeks in length)
- Units 1 & 2 are compressed
- Points contribute to QCE (successfully completed to set standard)
- Results do not contribute to ATAR

General Subjects – Units 3 & 4

- Summative
- 3 x Internal Assessment (IA1, IA2, IA3)
- Internal assessment is developed by the school and endorsed and confirmed by the QCAA.
- 1 x External Assessment (Term 4 of Year 12)
- Most subjects the EA contributes 25% to the final mark.
- Mathematics and Science subjects the EA contributes 50% to the final mark.

Applied Subjects

- Applied subjects have an academic rigour but also focus on practical skills.
- Applied subjects may contribute up to 4 credits per subject towards the QCE.
- Across Units 1, 2, 3 & 4 students complete Internal pieces of assessment.
- In Units 3 & 4, Essential English & Essential Mathematics have 3 Internal pieces of assessment and a Common Internal Assessment (CIA) developed by the QCAA.

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Pathways

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"all pathways are valued..."

Pathway Options

QCE / QCIA Pathway (All Students)

- Queensland Certificate of Education / Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement

Direct University Entry Pathway

- Competitive ATAR

Alternate Entry to University (Selection Rank) Pathway

- Pre-requisites and Certificate III or Diploma

Vocational Education Pathway

- Leading to Apprenticeship, Traineeship, Full-time work

Full-time Work Pathway

ATAR Pathway (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank)

To achieve the best possible academic outcomes and a competitive ATAR, eligible students should design a study pathway that allows them to attend school five days a week.

ATAR Pathway (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank)

- An ATAR pathway is seen as a direct entry into University study.
- An ATAR is the primary mechanism used nationally for tertiary admission.
- An ATAR is not considered a 'back-up' or 'just in case' plan. This pathway requires commitment and dedication.
- An ATAR will provide students an overall academic achievement in relation to that of other students in their year group across Queensland.
- An ATAR is calculated on a 2000-point scale from 99.95 – 30.
- An ATAR is generated using the Top 5 results from subjects studied. Students must study a minimum of 4 General Subjects.
  - 5 General Subjects
  - 4 General Subjects + 1 Applied or Vocational Subject (Certificate III)
  - Must pass Unit 3 & 4 in an English subject

ATAR Pathway – example courses of study

6 General Subjects

1. English (G)
2. Study of Religion (G)
3. Mathematical Methods (G)
4. Chemistry (G)
5. Physics (G)
6. French (G)

5 General + 1 Applied Subjects

1. English (G)
2. Mathematical Methods (G)
3. Chemistry (G)
4. Design (G)
5. Physics (G)
6. Religion & Ethics (A)

ATAR Pathway – example courses of study

5 General + 1 VET

1. Study of Religion (G)
2. English (G)
3. General Mathematics (G)
4. Modern History (G)
5. Legal Studies (G)
6. Certificate III Business (V)

4 General + 1 Applied + VET

1. English (G)
2. General Mathematics (G)
3. Drama (G)
4. Modern History (G)
5. Religion & Ethics (A)
6. Certificate II Engineering Pathways (V)

ATAR Results – Historical Data Examples

STUDY OF RELIGION	A	95
LITERATURE	A	93
MATHEMATICAL METHODS	A	91
SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS	B	77
FRENCH	A	92
CHEMISTRY	A	90

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STUDY OF RELIGION	A	93
LITERATURE	A	93
MATHEMATICAL METHODS	A	93
PHYSICS	A	92
CHEMISTRY	A	94

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STUDY OF RELIGION	A	93
LITERATURE	A	92
MATHEMATICAL METHODS	A	92
SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS	B	78
LEGAL STUDIES	A	95
CHEMISTRY	A	94

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ATAR Results – Historical Data Examples

STUDY OF RELIGION	A	88
LITERATURE	B	75
GENERAL MATHS	B	80
MODERN HISTORY	B	81
FRENCH	B	70
CIII SPORT & RECREATION		

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ENGLISH & LITERATURE EXT	B	77
LITERATURE	B	82
MATHEMATICAL METHODS	B	69
MODERN HISTORY	B	76
PHYSICS	B	76
RELIGION & ETHICS	A	

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ATAR Results – Historical Data Examples

STUDY OF RELIGION	B	82
ENGLISH	B	68
GENERAL MATHS	B	76
DIGITAL SOLUTIONS	B	78
TOURISM	A	
CIII HOSPITALITY		

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LITERATURE	C	64
GENERAL MATHS	B	79
BIOLOGY	B	76
MUSIC	B	80
ENGLISH & LIT EXT	B	76
RELIGION & ETHICS	B	

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ATAR Results – Historical Data Examples

ENGLISH	C	55
GENERAL MATHS	C	62
BIOLOGY	B	77
LEGAL STUDIES	C	57
PSYCHOLOGY	C	65
RELIGION & ETHICS	B	

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LITERATURE	C	51
GENERAL MATHS	B	73
LEGAL	B	69
MODERN HISTORY	C	60
RELIGION & ETHICS	B	
CIII BUSINESS		

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ATAR Results – Historical Data Examples

STUDY OF RELIGION	B	66
ENGLISH	C	56
GENERAL MATHS	B	73
ECONOMICS	C	48
CIII BUSINESS		

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STUDY OF RELIGION	B	65
ENGLISH	C	49
GENERAL MATHS	B	72
DRAMA	C	56
CIII BUSINESS		

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In both examples the student could have received a ranking of 68 and applied to some universities for entry using the Certificate III Business and any pre-req (usually English).

ATAR Results – Historical Data Examples

RELIGION & ETHICS	B	
ENGLISH	C	43
GENERAL MATHS	C	53
LEGAL STUDIES	D	45
BIOLOGY	C	56

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RELIGION & ETHICS	B	
ENGLISH	C	46
GENERAL MATHS	C	51
BIOLOGY	C	57
PSYCHOLOGY	C	69
CIII BUSINESS		

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QTAC ATAR Navigator

- The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) is a ranking that reflects your overall academic performance in your final years of school.

- QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centres) has released an **ATAR Navigator function**. This function allows students to **estimate** their ATAR by entering their subject results or predicted grades.

Certificate or Diploma Pathway

- Alternative entry to University via selection ranks.
- Students might study a combination of General and Applied subjects, while also completing Certificate III or Certificate IV courses, or Diploma courses.
- Students can use the selection ranks for these courses to enter some universities and some courses.

- Certificate III courses – selection rank of 68
- Certificate IV courses – selection rank of 74
- Diploma courses – minimum selection rank of 82

- ADVICE can be provided by our Careers Team.

Vocational Education Pathway

- Vocational Education Pathway may see studying a combination of General, Applied or Certificate courses.
- They may be completing a School Based Apprenticeship / Traineeship or completing Certificate Courses.

Full-time Work Pathway

- Students intending to transition into full-time work post school.
- Students may study a combination of General, Applied or Certificate courses.

Who Can Help with Pathway Planning?

At St Joseph's College there are many keen and devoted experts to help with pathway planning and can answer any additional questions you might have.

Curriculum Team (Senior Years) & Careers Team


Mr Brennan


Mr Willocks


Mrs Fellenberg


Mrs Tobin


Mr Grierson


Mrs Harman


Miss Hall

Next Steps

- 2027 Senior Handbook is available on the College website (Learning Journey > Senior Years).
- Students have downloaded a copy of this from CANVAS also.
- SET Plan Interviews take place on Thursday, 6 August. The SET Plan is a commitment to the ongoing enrolment of your child at St Joseph's College and the SET Plan requires the engagement of at least one parent or carer to progress enrolment into Year 11.
- Information will be emailed to parents and students.
- For the interview, students need to bring a hard copy of the SET Plan.
- Web preferences (subject selections) will be finalised during this interview.

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Subject Information

Core Subjects



Religion

Miss Kellie-Marie Ford

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Religion & Ethics

Overview:	Australian Identity, Social Justice, Meaning Purpose and Expression, World Religions and Spiritualities
Pre-requisite:	None
Assessment:	Projects, Investigations and Extended Response. 4 x 25%
Pathway:	Anthropology, Education, The Arts, Journalism, Sociology, Social Work
Subject Levy /Camps/ Excursions:	N/A

Study of Religion

Overview:	Religious Writings (Sacred Texts & Abrahamic Traditions), Rituals (Lifecycle & Calendrical), Religious Ethics, Religion and State Relationships and Human Rights
Pre-requisite:	C in Religion & English
Assessment:	Exam, 2 x Investigations, 25% External Exam
Pathway:	Anthropology, Education, The Arts, Journalism, Sociology, Social Work
Subject Levy /Camps/ Excursions:	N/A



English

Ms Emma Chalmers

St Joseph's College

English

Overview:	Perspectives and Texts , Texts and Culture Textual Connections and Close Study of Literary Texts
Pre-requisite:	B in English
Assessment:	Written Response, Persuasive Spoken, Imaginative Response, 25% External Exam
Pathway:	Multiple university courses, Teacher, Writer, Plumber, Accountant, Actor
Subject Levy /Camps/ Excursions:	N/A

Literature

Overview:	Introduction to Literary Studies, Intertextuality, Literature and Identity, Independent Explorations
Pre-requisite:	B in English
Assessment:	Analytical Written, Imaginative Spoken & Written, 25% External Exam
Pathway:	Multiple university courses, Publisher, Journalism, Literary Agent, Editor, Public Relations, Librarian
Subject Levy /Camps/ Excursions:	N/A

English & Literature Extension

Overview:	Ways of Reading, Exploration & Evaluation
Pre-requisite:	At least an A or B in Year 11 English or Year 11 Literature
Assessment:	2 x Extended Response, Academic Research Paper, 25% External Exam
Pathway:	Publisher, Journalism, Literary Agent, Editor, Public Relations, Librarian
Subject Levy /Camps/ Excursions:	N/A

Essential English

Overview:	Language, that Works, Texts and Human Experiences, Language that Influences, Representations & Popular Culture Texts
Pre-requisite:	None
Assessment:	Spoken, Multimodal, Common Internal Assessment, Written
Pathway:	Apprenticeships, TAFE, Traineeships
Subject Levy /Camps/ Excursions:	N/A



Mathematics

Mr Peter Keightley

St Joseph's College

Mathematical Methods

Overview:	Money, Measurement, Calculus, Differentiation, Statistics
Pre-requisite:	B in Extension Maths
Assessment:	PSMT, 2 x Internal Exams, 50% External Exam
Pathway:	Engineering, Medicine, Trader, Data Analyst, Health
Subject Levy /Camps/ Excursions:	N/A

General Mathematics

Overview:	Money, Measurement, Trigonometry, Bivariate Dates, Earth Geometry, Investing and Networks
Pre-requisite:	C in Year 10 Maths
Assessment:	PSMT, 2 x Internal Exams, 50% External Exam
Pathway:	Some university courses, secondary teacher
Subject Levy /Camps/ Excursions:	N/A

Essential Mathematics

Overview:	Number, Measurement, Graphs, Money, Time, Data, Scale, Chance
Pre-requisite:	None
Assessment:	2 x PSMT, Common Internal Assessment Exam, Internal Exam
Pathway:	Retail, Apprenticeships, Traineeships, TAFE courses
Subject Levy /Camps/ Excursions:	N/A

Specialist Mathematics

Overview:	Vectors, Proof, Complex Numbers, Matrices, Calculus, Integration
Pre-requisite:	B in Extension Maths
Assessment:	PSMT, 2 x Internal Exams, 50% External Exam
Pathway:	Engineering, Medicine, Trader, Data Analyst, Health
Subject Levy /Camps/ Excursions:	N/A

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Pathway Expo

Empowering *minds* Enriching *hearts*

Pathway Expo

- The evening is designed for you to visit areas of interest (7:30pm – 8:30pm).
- Curriculum Leaders and specialist teachers will be available to answer any further questions, or provide further information on subject content, and modes of assessment.
- Please check your handout with specific room details.
- Our Careers team will be available to talk about School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships.
- We look forward to seeing you all again at the Year 10 SET Plan Interviews on Thursday, 6th August. Information including mentors and times will be sent to families.