



14th January 2016

Year 11 Revision and Intervention Sessions in Preparation for GCSE Examinations

Dear Parent / Carer

We are looking forward to meeting with you at the Year 11 Consultation Evening and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in the lead up to the GCSE examinations in the Summer. Please take the opportunity to look at the Year 11 Mock Results' Day article and photo gallery on the website. The day, together with the consultation evening mark a significant point in students' preparation for their GCSE examinations. The next few months are critical and I would like to advise you of the following strategies and opportunities in school.

After School Revisiting and Intervention sessions

We are very fortunate to have so many teachers running weekly after school sessions to give students the opportunity to revisit areas of the curriculum identified following analysis of mock examinations. A detailed programme of the sessions on each day, weekly to Easter is on the school website. Students will be targeted by teachers to attend particular sessions based on their areas for development. You will see that there are a number of sessions running on the same night. This is unavoidable and should be viewed as positive; you can also look at the sessions with your son/daughter and determine which sessions they would most benefit from attending. For each subject, students should know which areas they need to re-visit and they may have Personalised Learning Checklists (PLC) and targets for revision. PLCs identify areas of the curriculum in which students are secure, and areas that they need to focus on in order to further improve their grades. Students should use their PLCs to develop their revision programmes and attend sessions which address areas they need to improve. If they are unsure, they should speak to their subject teacher or myself.

Please note that any session related to coursework improvement and catch-up are by 'invitation', and if your son/daughter is involved you should have received a letter.

Registration and Lunchtime Learning

Many subjects are also leading registration and lunchtime revision sessions. Students involved in these intervention sessions have been advised of sessions they should attend by subject teachers.

Students also have the opportunity to attend Lunchtime Learning sessions in B Block. We are delighted that so many students have embraced this opportunity and the numbers continue to grow.

Pre-Public Examination Week

Following the mock examination week in December, we are running a second mock examination week commencing **Monday 7th March 2016**. The timetable will be issued by Mrs Lynott in due course. The purpose of the week is firstly to provide students with a second opportunity to simulate the real examination experience, and secondly to ascertain the progress they have made since their December examinations. The March examinations will allow teachers and students to see the impact of revision and intervention strategies, and identify next steps and focus areas going forward.

Summer Examination Timetable

The examination timetable will be available on the school website after half term. Students will also receive details of their examination entries, including dates, timing, tier entered and seating.

We believe that we can maximise successful outcomes by working in partnership with parents. There are many opportunities for students in school, and we expect them to be working equally as hard at home. We would be grateful for your support with this. May I take this opportunity to remind you that a 'Student Examination Booklet' is on the school website (within the Examinations section). The booklet covers a variety of revision strategies. This should help you to support your son/daughter's revision.

If you would like additional advice on how to support your child's revision (not provided in the booklet), or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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