



23rd January 2017

RE: Year 11 Revision and Intervention Sessions in Preparation for GCSE Examinations

Dear Parent / Carer

Thank you for your positive feedback regarding information you received at the Year 11 Consultation Evening. We 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 marked 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 showing the sessions on each day, to Easter is attached and is on the school website via the letters' section of the parents' tab.

You will see that there are a number of sessions running on the same night. This is unavoidable and should be viewed as positive; please look at the sessions with your child 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 and mock exam feedback 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 'intervention' are by 'invitation', and if your child is involved you should have received a letter.

Registration and Lunchtime Learning

Some subjects are also running 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 'Drop In' sessions in B Block. These sessions are staffed by Mr Brawn (Head of Maths) and Mr Krynauw (Maths Key Stage Coordinator). We are delighted that some 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 **Thursday 9th March 2017**. 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.

Revision at Home

There are many opportunities for students in school, and we expect them to be working equally as hard at home. Students should be revising every day in the lead up to the mock exams. Some homework set, will be revision. As a guide, we expect two to three hours of revision, including homework revision tasks, per night. We would be grateful for your support with this. To support students with planning their revision and organising their time, blank revision programmes are available from Resources.

Students have been given a revision strategies' guide detailing effective techniques to use when revising each subject. A copy is available on the school website under 'Examinations'. This should help you to support your child's revision.

Finally, revision guides for many subjects are also available from the School Shop.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Lynam". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'L'.

Mrs J Lynam
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