

Friday 25th September 2020

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Dear parents and carers of Year 11,

Last week, you will have received a letter from school which detailed some of our whole school catch-up strategy. Given the importance of the year ahead for your child, we felt you might appreciate a more detailed overview about what support is in place this term for Year 11 specifically:

Assessment:

October Mid-term Assessments:

Over this half term (and from week beginning 12th October in English, Maths and Science) your child will be asked to complete a range of small assessments in most of their subjects.

There is nothing for your child to feel worried about. We would always do some sort of assessment each half term, so that we can check where the gaps in knowledge are to help us plan and target support. It's so important that we know, as teachers, which areas of the curriculum they are finding a little tricky so that we can put appropriate interventions in place.

PPEs (mock examinations):

Week beginning 2nd December, Year 11 will sit formal PPEs in all their GCSE subjects.

We expect the children to revise thoroughly for these and, as you'll see from below, there will be lots on to support them with this process.

Study Zones:

Every Mon – Thurs, from 3.00pm – 4.00pm, G30 and G33 will be open to Year 11 only. These are staffed Study Zones where Year 11 can go to work on independent study, complete Just Check Guides, or engage in revision.

Subject Specific Intervention:

Please find attached the Subject Specific Intervention programme for Term 1 and Term 2. If your child is invited to attend a subject specific intervention, please encourage them to go! These are additional support sessions, targeted at your child's area of need, and can really make the difference between grades.

Revision support:

Week beginning Monday 5th October, your child will be involved in a SORT workshop. This is a session that supports students in their revision by giving them practical strategies to revise all that knowledge and help their working memory!

Key dates for parental support and involvement:

- Monday 5th October – **Help in supporting your child revising for their English, Maths and Science Oct Mid Terms.** An emailed PowerPoint presentation (which will also be available on the website) by our English, Maths and Science Heads of Departments detailing what students will need to do to prepare for their October mid-term (week beginning 12th October)
- Monday 12th October – **Virtual Parental SORT evening.** An evening to hear top tips about how to support your child in all things 'revision'. To book a place, you will need to use the parents' evening booking system. Those who secure a place will be emailed a link to listen to the presentation and ask any questions about how to get those youngsters revising and revising well!
- Thursday 21st January – **Parents' Evening** - all subjects
- Wednesday 25th November – **Help in supporting your child revising for their English, Maths and Science PPEs.** An emailed PowerPoint presentation (which will also be available on the website) by our English, Maths and Science Heads of Departments detailing what students will need to do to prepare for their PPEs (week beginning 2nd December)

We understand that some of our Year 11s may be feeling a little anxious about their exam series ahead. Please know we are here for them – to listen, to support and to make the year a successful and happy one, full of smiles and cheerful memories for them to treasure in years to come.

Thank you, as ever, for all of your support,

Best wishes,



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