



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

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Dear Year 11 students and parents

We have been so impressed by the positive start that Year 11 have made since they returned a few weeks ago. Although some students have had a bit of a disrupted start, they have been accessing their learning on Teams and making every effort to keep up with work when they have felt well enough. Teachers will continue to set work on Teams for any students having to isolate following NHS advice.

Please find attached a timetable showing the many revision and supported study sessions that are on offer this term specifically for Year 11. Please encourage your child to attend these to help plug any gaps that they might have in their learning and to help improve their confidence in their abilities. Unfortunately we do not yet have any specific detail about what (if any) changes will be made to the GCSE exams next year but we do know that the plan is for them to go ahead as normal. To help our students have the best possible chance of success we have planned for two sets of mock exams so that they get experience of sitting formal exams and teachers can quickly identify those who might need additional support. The first set of mock exams will take place immediately after half term starting on Tuesday 2 November and the second set will be in February 2022. We have organised for an external company, Maximise, to work with our students on Thursday 14 October in school to help them with their study and revision skills and tutors are also focusing on these with their groups.

In addition to preparing for mock exams, this term is also a very important time for students to consider and plan for their next steps. We have an excellent careers advisor, Marc Truyens, who works with us and students can access appointments with him via Mr Farrow. They will also be having assemblies about the different routes they might choose next year as well as additional input via the tutor programme. The open evening for the Joint Sixth Form will take place on Wednesday 10 November.

Please see below for a summary of the key dates for this term –

- 14 October Maximise study skills
- 19 October Parents' Evening
- 2 November Mock Exams start
- 10 November Joint Sixth Form Open Evening

Thank you for all your support. If you have any questions, please contact your child's Tutor in the first instance or Graham Farrow as Head of Year.

Yours sincerely

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