

The Sir John Colfox Academy



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

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Dear Year 11 parents

We are looking forward to our students taking part in the online Tutoring programme that starts on Monday. We know this will support our students and give them the edge over others when they sit their exams in May.

Students have had their usernames and passwords from their tutor and have had the login email address (<https://online.impress.education/login/index.php>)

They have been asked to log on and do the pre assessment test this week, which will help the tutors direct the learning.

They have also received a booklet for the first five sessions of the English tutoring and an exercise book for them to work in at home during the sessions.

All the sessions are live via Zoom through the Impress website. All the sessions have quizzes to help the tutor see how well the students are doing. Please see the school website where there is a copy of the topics covered each week, which you will see is extensive. <https://www.colfox.org/online-gcse-courses/>

Some students are worried about the tutor asking questions to them directly during this session, this will not happen; feedback comes from the typed responses that students give in polls or quizzes and are anonymous.

For those students who have on their timetable the 3.30-5.00 slots we will have A107 open for them to use if they wish. They will need to provide their own headphones (the Calendar in the Impress website tell them the times of their sessions), they may of course wish to do this at home but might miss some of the session.

Year 11 students have responded well to this programme and can see how it will support them in their English, Maths and Science and get them exam ready, so please talk to your child about this and support them at home to access the session and even have a go yourself!

Do not worry if they miss a session, they can watch the recorded sessions through the website, and these are available to watch again if students need to recap elements or if they want to go through some of the learning at a slower pace.



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I have spoken to Year 11 about this programme and how it will really help them to do their best. I have also spoken about the fact that it is normal to feel stressed and worried as they approach their exams as this is the first time they will do something that can affect their next stage of education or employment. We are supporting them through this process to help them succeed but it will be a difficult few months for many as the exams get closer. They will get there, and do well, and we as a school are so proud of the way they have coped with the disruption over the last two years.

Thank you for your support with the tutoring programme and helping your child do the best they can. I know having a child who has taken GCSE's that it is also a stressful time for parents!

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher