

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope this message finds you well. Year 11 have made a great start on the whole, and as we move into a crucial period for our Year 11 students, I wanted to share some important updates and key dates to help you support your child's progress.

Attendance

We have noticed a drop in attendance across the year group over the past two weeks. Regular attendance is vital, especially in Year 11, as every lesson counts towards exam preparation and success. Please encourage your child to attend every day unless absolutely unavoidable.

Period 6 Interventions – Starting Tuesday 4th November

Targeted after-school sessions will begin to support students in key subjects. In our Year 11 attainment meetings, we discuss every child and look at the gaps in learning that students have. Students are identified for intervention based on their performance in recent assessments and input from subject teachers, ensuring that each student receives the support most relevant to their needs. We will then book students into the interventions that they need to attend. Students will not be invited to every Period 6 session but as and when they need it. These targeted sessions are designed to help students close learning gaps and build confidence in key subjects, supporting their overall academic progress. The intervention sessions that students need to attend will appear on student timetables in Arbor and run as follows:

- **Week A:** Tuesday – Option C, Wednesday – English, Thursday – Option A
- **Week B:** Tuesday – Science, Wednesday – Maths, Thursday – Option B

WTM (Walking Talking Mocks) – Tuesday 4th November to Monday 10th November

Walking Talking Mocks (WTM) are exams where subject teachers talk through a mock exam, and give students support in how to answer these questions. These WTM's will take place in the sports hall and are designed to help students understand exam techniques and expectations in a supportive environment. The provisional timetable for the WTM is:

Tuesday 4th November – English and Science

Wednesday 5th November – Maths

Thursday 6th November – Geography or History

Monday 10th November – English and Science

Revision Evening – Wednesday 26th November, 6 – 7.30pm

We will be holding a **Year 11 Revision Evening** to support students in developing effective revision strategies across different subjects. This is a valuable opportunity for students and parents to learn how best to prepare for the upcoming mock exams and final assessments. Dinner will be available for parents and students. We will send further information out closer to the time to book your place.

We also encourage Year 11s to undertake regular revision. We use SAM Learning, of which tasks are set regularly from all subjects to support students in their revision.

Mock Exams – Monday 12th January to Friday 23rd January

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Year 11 mock exams will take place over two weeks in January. These exams are an important indicator of progress and will help us tailor support for each student in the lead-up to their final GCSEs. They will be run in exactly the same way as the real exams in the summer.

Parents' Evening – Thursday 12th February, 4–7pm

This evening will provide an opportunity to discuss your child's mock exam results and meet with subject teachers to review progress and next steps. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend. Further information will be made available closer to the time.

Inset Days

Please note the following inset days:

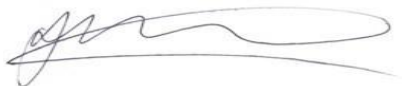
- **Friday 7th November** – *Some students will be invited in to continue their studies for part or all of the day.*
- **Friday 5th December**
- **Monday 5th January**

Post-16 Provision

We have notified students today that we are not able to offer Level 2 or Level 3 courses next year for Year 12, a decision we have not taken lightly. We are committed to supporting all Year 11 students in finding the right pathway for their post-16 education and will provide guidance and assistance throughout the rest of this academic year to ensure students are able to make the right choices for their next steps.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Warm regards,



Mr Blake
Head of School

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