

March 2019

Ref: Progress Report Data & Easter School Opportunities

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find enclosed the third progress report for your son/daughter. The format of the grades is consistent with previous reports.

As the Easter holiday approaches, so do the formal summer examinations. We understand that students will need to take a break and re charge during Easter, but they will also need to be completing revision and preparation for the exams which begin in only a few weeks' time.

As part of our programme for Year 11 students, we are once again organising special revision sessions during the Easter holidays. The focus of these sessions will be to support students and to help them to achieve the best possible grade in the forthcoming examinations. We feel that this is an ideal opportunity for many of our students to gain more practice in examination technique and benefit from extra support to build confidence. All students are able to attend the sessions, however, there will be some students that we will strongly recommend attend. These students will receive a separate invitation, as their teaching staff feel they will personally benefit. Due to limited space within some classrooms, sessions will be on a first come, first served basis, so please encourage your son/daughter to return their reply slip ASAP.

We appreciate many students do have other commitments and it is important to keep some balance, however, with many students involved in several clubs and part time jobs it would be prudent to discuss with them what their priorities should be at this time, especially over the holiday. Preparation, commitment and a strong work ethic are extremely important in enabling students to achieve well in their examinations, and will hopefully help them and you feel immensely proud of their GCSE results this summer.

There continues to be a significant number of revision sessions taking place at lunchtime, before and after school. An updated list of these sessions along with the Summer Exam Timetable, Revision Timetable Template and many top tips, can be found on the school website under the 'Academic' tab, 'Revision', 'Make it Stick'. As well as taking time to discuss their report and priorities, please direct them to these revision sessions and encourage them to use the resources provided. The Revision Room is also continuing to run in the Library after the Easter holidays from 8am, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and afterschool on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:15 – 5.30pm. It has been fantastic to see so many students there. If your child struggles to complete their 2 to 3 hour recommended amount of revision including homework, each night or is in any way unsure about how to revise in any subject or generally, we strongly recommend they attend these staffed sessions.

For those students attending Easter School, please note that the school canteen will be unavailable for student use and it will be expected that students attend with suitable refreshments. Each day the sessions will run from 9am – 12noon and 12noon - 3pm. A timetable of the subject sessions is attached, students

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will need to sign in at Main Reception and sign out there at the end of the session. Due to contractors on site, it is essential that students remain in the allocated classroom, which will be listed in Reception. There will be toilet access only in A block. Other areas of school are out of bounds due to maintenance work being carried out – please could you let your child know this; they will be reminded upon signing in. Students can wear their own clothes and need to bring appropriate equipment, in particular for Maths and Statistics sessions. Please note that in the interest of Safeguarding, when your child agrees to attend school in the holidays they will need to be on the school site at all times and comply with the normal school rules and regulations. If a student misbehaves, they will be sent home and the parent/carer will be contacted. If your son/daughter would like to attend one or more of these sessions, please complete the reply slip attached. Reply slips must be returned to Student Services by Thursday 4th April 2019.

The best revision and preparation is bespoke to your child's needs. No student should try to revise 'everything'. A focus on the key topics or style of question they find most difficult will be most effective. Revising for short bursts of 30-45 minutes, with a short break, then another short burst, is also very effective. We have already done a huge amount of work with the students since the start of year 11 on how best to revise and all students have access to many resources including GCSEPod and Tassomai. I am confident that students will know exactly how to use their time during the two week break, it will just be a matter of encouraging them.

We really appreciate your support and the hard work you are putting in to help your son/daughter to do as well as possible in their GCSE's and the encouragement you continue to give to them to support revision session attendance.

If you have any concerns or need further information do get in touch. Please address any curriculum queries about individual reports to subject teachers in the first instance; any wider queries or feedback can be addressed to either Mr Scott, Head of Year 11 or myself.

Kind regards

Mrs Helen Ryles-Dean

Assistant Headteacher Raising Standards and Aspiration

Easter School Timetable 2019

Day	Morning Session 9-12noon	Afternoon Session 12-3pm	
Week 1		·	
Monday	Photography – Mrs Morris Textiles – Miss Doherty Design Tech 11D – Mr Beardsall Geography – Mr Iddon Library Independent Revision – Mrs Ryles-Dean	Photography – Mrs Morris Textiles – Miss Doherty Design Tech 11C – Mr Beardsall	
Tuesday	English Lit (YR11 invite only) Maths – Mrs Dowdall Maths – Statistics students (Invite only) Photography – Mrs Taylor Geography – Mrs Rigby Computer Science – Mrs Turner Library Independent Revision – Mrs Ryles-Dean	Maths – Statistics students (Invite only) Photography – Mrs Taylor	
Wednesday	Art – Mrs Taylor Media – Mrs Lorenzelli Library Independent Revision – Mrs Ryles-Dean		
Thursday	Library Independent Revision – Mrs Ryles-Dean		
Friday	History – Miss Yates	History – Miss Yates	
Week 2			
Monday	Maths – Mr Eyres RS – Mrs Barraclough Music 11AMU1 – Mr Starkey	RS – Mrs Barraclough Music 11AMU1 – Mr Starkey	
Tuesday	Maths – Mrs Ramsbottom Maths – Mr Thompson Maths – Statistics Students History – Mr Wilde PE – Mr Hampton Drama – Mrs Richards	Maths – Statistics Students Drama – Mrs Richards	
Wednesday	Business Studies – Mrs Kenyon Business Studies 11D – Mr Hayes	Catering – Miss Bowdery	
Thursday	Health & Social Care – Miss Bowdery	Health & Social Care – Miss Bowdery	

Easter School Reply Slip - 2019

Name of Student:

Form:

Signed ______(Parent/Carer)

Please tick the sessions you wish to attend, you will be informed if all the spaces have been filled.

Week 1			Week 2		
Day	Morning Session	Afternoon Session	Day	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Monday	Photography	Photography	Monday	Maths (DEY)	RS
	Textiles	Textiles		RS	Music
	Design Tech	Design Tech		Music	
	Geography				
	Library				
Tuesday	English Lit	Statistics	Tuesday	Maths (CRA)	Statistics
	Maths (BDO)	Photography		Maths (MTO)	Drama
	Statistics			Statistics	
	Photography			History	
	Geography (TRI)			PE	
	Computer Science			Drama	
	Library				
Wednesday	Art		Wednesday	Business Studies (AKE)	Catering
	Media			Business Studies (JHE)	
	Library				
Thursday	Library		Thursday	H&S Care	H&S Care
Friday	History	History	Friday	Good Friday	

• If your circumstances change and you cannot attend the class(es), then please let the teacher concerned know so that another student can take your place.

- Students who have not signed up are not allowed to turn up on the day.
- Students should arrive promptly and enter via main reception, and register. The doors will only be open at certain times so pupils must be prompt for their class sessions.
- Remember the canteen will not be open.

Please complete and return to student services before

Thursday 4th April 2019 3.10pm (Remember spaces are limited!)