

Re: Year 11 Update

Dear parents/carers,

We have been delighted with the determination and positive work ethic being demonstrated by our Year 11 students, particularly over the last couple of weeks. With the exam season just around the corner we want to ensure that we are utilising every opportunity to support and encourage our Year 11 students to achieve their potential. Therefore, we thought it would be useful to provide a couple of updates and advice to best support your child over Easter and beyond.

Revision sessions have continued to run both during lunch time and after school across all subjects and students can still take advantage of these opportunities to support their exam technique and secure knowledge in some of the areas they find more challenging. A link to all the sessions that have been available, and will continue to be available after Easter, can be [found here](#).

To make the most of the Easter break and get on top of revision to support confidence when approaching the exams, we strongly advise all our students to plan a thorough revision timetable which allows for an average of 5 hours of revision per day, split into manageable chunks of 30–45-minute sessions. These regular brain breaks can help to ensure a bit of balance and help our students to avoid 'burn out'. Students will receive new paper copies of revision timetable templates before the break, but they can also be found [downloaded here](#). Of course, we recognise that the exam season will be tiring and challenging, so finding a reasonable balance of work and rest over Easter is important, but equally we want to make the most of the last few weeks before the examinations begin, remembering that Year 11 will enjoy a very long summer rest and well-deserved break post exams.

A few top tips to support revision over the Easter break:

1. Try to place more emphasis on revision at the start of the day when students are arguably feeling fresher, and of course this gets the work out of the way early on, giving them free time later in the day.
2. Ensure that revision is taking place in a suitable environment free from distractions i.e., at the kitchen table, no phone or music on, lots of natural light.
3. Ensure students have all of the resources they need in advance i.e., remind them to print off past papers and resources in school before the Easter break, particularly if they do not have access to a printer at home.

Further advice and support for parents can be [found here](#).

Staff will be providing lots of revision-specific materials via Satchel One which will form the basis of support and preparation over Easter. In addition to this, we are very excited to share that Tassomai will be offering live Science/Maths/English sessions over the Easter holiday, which use Tassomai usage data to tackle the areas that we know students find challenging. Dr Dodds has placed more information and a link to this brilliant resource on Satchel One for all Year 11 students.

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As well as the support materials and advice provided, we will be inviting some students into school over the break to support coursework and 'catch up' in certain subject areas. You will see from the timetable below that in addition to 'invite only' sessions, we will also be opening an independent study room to provide a quiet and well-resourced room to support productive independent revision. If your child has been invited to a particular session, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that they attend.

Students attending are welcome to come in their own clothes, and bring water and a snack with them should they wish to do so. All sessions will take place in the Sixth Form area of school, so we ask that students enter the school site via the Languages yard and into the door outside the Lower Hex to sign in.

Week 1

Date	Subject	Time	Venue
Tuesday 4 th April	Art (Invite only)	9-3pm	E210
Tuesday 4 th April	Fashion (Invite only)	9-3pm	E207
Tuesday 4 th April	English (Invite and open)	9.30-1.30pm	S204/S207/S206
Tuesday 4 th April	Independent Study Room	9.30-1.30pm	Upper Hex
Wednesday 5 th April	Art (Invite only)	9-3pm	E210
Wednesday 5 th April	Fashion (Invite only)	9-3pm	E207
Wednesday 5 th April	Dance	9-1.30pm	S204
Thursday 6 th April	Media Studies	9-12pm	S205
Thursday 6 th April	DT (Invite only)	9.30-1.30pm	E113

Week 2

Date	Subject	Time	Venue
Tuesday 11 th April	Drama	9.30-1.30pm	S204
Tuesday 11 th April	Independent Study Room	9.30-1.30pm	Upper Hex
Wednesday 12 th April	Maths (Invite only)	9.30-1.30pm	S204/S208
Wednesday 12 th April	Independent Study Room	9.30-1.30pm	Upper Hex
Thursday 13 th April	Spanish	9.30-1pm	L106
Thursday 13 th April	Music	9-3pm	TBC
Thursday 13 th April	Independent Study Room	9.30-1.30pm	Upper Hex

Finally, you will see from the timetable on the school website that the first GCSE examination takes place on 15th May. We expect all our Year 11 students to attend school every day following the Easter holiday as all lessons will be running as normal. We will also be offering exam briefings in the Main Hall for morning exams and timetable tweaks to allow for additional 'final top tips' with subject experts in the lessons prior to scheduled exams. Further information regarding timetable changes and additional support, as well as any agreed study leave, will be shared after the Easter holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



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