

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Year 11 Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended one of our Year 11 Parent Information Evenings last week. It was great to see so many parents in person showing support for our Year 11 students. We hope to be able to invite parents to more evenings at the school in the lead up to students sitting their GCSEs next summer. We hope you found the evening informative and want to follow up on some key points discussed.

### Mock exams (PPEs)

The mock exams will be starting from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. The timetable of exams will be shared with students in their form times as well as posted under the 'Exams and Revision' tab of the 'Student' section on the school's website. Please ensure your child is organised and aware of which exams they have coming up.

### Interventions

Subject interventions are now taking place, students have been informed by their subject teachers when these interventions are happening. A full timetable of interventions will be posted under the 'Exams and Revision' tab of the 'Student' section on the school's website.

### Revision resources

An electronic version of the presentation from the evening and the information booklets can be found under the 'Supporting your child with Revision' tab of the 'Parent' section on the school's website. You will also find here advice on ways you can support your child with revision. Further videos and resources to support your child with revision can be found under the 'Exams and Revision' tab.

### Places students can work

We have made several areas available to students before, during and after the school day so they can revise in a studious environment. School is open from 8am with breakfast available and students can work in their tutor rooms. Assembly halls at both sites have been made available for Year 11 study at lunch times every day. The following rooms are available after school each day from 3:15pm-4:30pm:

**Grosvenor Road: G201, G202, G203**

**Upton Lane: U305, U306, U307**

### **Support with stress**

We understand that Year 11 can sometimes be an anxious time for some students. It is natural for students to be a little nervous about the upcoming exams, indeed some level of stress is actually good for ensuring optimal performance, though obviously not too much. The best way of lowering stress levels is to be in control of the situation, this means being organised, knowing what they will be examined on, starting revision early, etc. If anxiety is making life difficult for your child do encourage them to speak to someone – you, a friend or someone at school. You can find support and advice on dealing with exam stress under the ‘Supporting your child with Revision’ tab of the ‘Parent’ section on the school’s website.

### **Post 16 Progression**

We are encouraging all our Year 11 students to begin looking at colleges and apprenticeship options now to ensure your child has a clear focus on what they are working towards. All students will have a one-to-one interview with a specialist career advisor about their options and we ask you encourage your child to use Unifrog to search for courses. There will be a Post 16 progression fair on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the Upton Lane beginning at 3pm. All pupils are encouraged to attend this to talk to colleges and apprenticeships about their options. For more information, please look at the ‘Careers’ section on the school website for important dates related to Post 16 options.

As always, thank you for your continuing support of the school and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,



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