

5 October 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

**re: Year 11 Support**



Firstly, can I thank you for your support throughout this half term. I have no doubt you are noticing a change of focus now Year 11 has started; I am writing to inform you of some key dates and support we are offering students.

We have two mock exam series this year:

- ▲ **30 October – 3 November 2023**
- ▲ **15 January – 26 January 2024**

These series will contain full past paper examinations under exam conditions in the usual exam rooms. They are a vital step for students to gain experience of full exams and give teachers invaluable assessment information. Some practical mock exams will also take place around these times. We will write to you closer to the time if your child is involved in these.

To support you and keep you up to date with your child's progress we have two opportunities to speak to staff in college:

- ▲ **Tutor evening – Thursday 19 October**
- ▲ **Parents' evening – Thursday 7 December**

These events are critical to us supporting you effectively so please ensure you come. The tutor evening will give you chance to meet the tutor, have a drop-in appointment with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, if you wish, and attend short workshops on how to help your child prepare for exams effectively.

In order to support your child over the coming term, we have arranged a thorough programme to help prepare students for mock exams and, in turn, their exams in the summer. These sessions run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3pm-4pm and **should be considered part of a Year 11 student's working day**.

### **Walking Talking Mocks (WTMs)**

These form a key part of exam preparation. Subject staff model solutions to an exam paper in real time, giving students the opportunity to copy their thinking and working, as well as attempting questions themselves. All WTMs are linked to the mock exams that students will sit shortly after and are used in class, too. As such, it is expected that **all students attend these sessions**. They take place between 3pm and 4pm.

### **Intervention**

Selected students will be required to attend targeted **compulsory** intervention for identified subjects on specific days. You will be informed if your child is required to attend any of these sessions **via a text message**. These sessions are crucial to closing any knowledge gaps, improving coursework, improving examinations skills as identified in the mock exams or to target specific areas identified by the subject teacher. Intervention takes place 3pm – 4pm.

## Learning Café

The learning café is an opportunity for all students to come to a relaxed and productive environment and complete work or revision. This takes place in the Year 11 study centre and the adjacent computer rooms. Please ensure your child informs you if they are staying after college in the Learning Café as we will not inform you. Learning Café takes place 3pm-4pm.

## Schedule

Week beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9 October	Chemistry WTM	Biology WTM	Physics WTM
16 October	English WTM	Intervention & Learning Café	Intervention & Learning Café
30 October	English WTM	Intervention & Learning Café	Intervention & Learning Café
6 November	Intervention & Learning Café	Intervention & Learning Café	Intervention & Learning Café
13 November	Intervention & Learning Café	Maths Higher WTM	Intervention & Learning Café
20 November	Physics WTM	Intervention & Learning Café	Maths Foundation WTM
27 November	Maths Higher WTM	Maths Foundation WTM	Intervention
4 December	English WTM	Intervention & Learning Café	Intervention
11 December	Chemistry WTM	Biology WTM	Intervention & Learning Café

Following the mock exam series in January, we will begin our comprehensive revision programme. Details of this will be sent to you in the New Year so you can plan the sessions your child will be attending with them.

If you have any questions about how best to support your child, please contact Mrs Faulkner, Head of Year 11, or myself at any time.

Yours sincerely



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