

Re: Year 11 Core Mocks

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed a productive and helpful Parents' Evening last week. With mock exam results and PR grades now in place, students should have a clear picture of those subjects to prioritise in the coming weeks and months as we complete subject courses and focus on revision.

With this in mind, this week we launched the new timetable for additional revision support sessions which was also updated on the website here. Please do encourage attendance at these sessions as they are useful in giving students an opportunity to recap essential knowledge as well as picking up top tips for exam technique. We recommend that all students attend a minimum of 3 additional revision sessions per week.

In addition to this, now that we are approximately 10 school weeks away from the external GCSE exams commencing, we will be reminding Year 11 students through assemblies, Tutor time and lessons, of the importance of completing and sticking to an independent revision schedule. Our advice is for students to complete 2×45 -minute revision sessions each evening, with an increase at the weekend. It is essential that students are disciplined and commit this time in the evenings to both recap and embed all important knowledge across their subjects, which will inevitably support with knowledge retention for the exams. We have a wealth of supportive information available on the website, including the parent guide which we shared in Term 1. These can be found here.

Finally, after the February half term, Year 11 students will sit their second and final set of mock exams which will focus on core subjects only (English, Maths and Science). The timetable for the core mock exams can be found here. Assemblies and Form time will continue to be utilised to share best practice for revision, as well as looking at motivation and building exam resilience.

Whilst the coming weeks will feel busy for students, and some of them may start to feel the pressure increasing, please do reassure them that they are in great hands, and we believe that all of them have the ability to fulfil their potential. They will be required to work hard, but the pay off will be worth it in the end. We are all here to help them, each step of the way.

As always, should you have any queries/questions/ongoing concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's subject teacher or any member of the Year II team to support:

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Yours sincerely,

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