

Year 11 GCSE – Half-Term Update and Revision Support

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first half term, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the successes of our Year 11 students. They have made a positive start to the academic year, and it has been particularly pleasing to see the engagement, commitment and positive attitudes they have been demonstrating in their lessons. These efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we were delighted to recognise and celebrate students' achievements and contributions in their assembly earlier this week. We hope they feel proud of the progress they have made so far.

As we look ahead to the next half term, our focus will increasingly turn towards preparing students for their GCSE mock examinations which take place from 30th November–17th December. As discussed at our recent 'How to help your child revise' evening, we will be introducing a programme of lunchtime and after-school revision sessions. These will provide students with additional opportunities to consolidate their learning, revisit challenging topics and build confidence in their subjects.

We strongly encourage all students to take advantage of these sessions wherever possible, aiming to attend at least three sessions per week. Attending revision sessions can help students identify and address gaps in their knowledge, develop exam techniques, and benefit from the guidance and support of their teachers. Establishing positive revision habits now will be invaluable as students move closer to their mocks. The full list of interventions on offer can be found [here](#).

Over the half-term break, we do encourage students to take some time to rest, relax and recharge after a busy first half term. However, the break also provides a valuable opportunity to begin preparing for the months ahead. Students do not need to spend the entire holiday revising, but setting aside some time to get organised can make a real difference. We encourage students to use this time to gather their revision materials, identify the topics they need to focus on, and create a realistic revision timetable that balances study with rest and other activities.

To support students and families with this process, **copies of the GCSE mock examination timetable and a revision support guide are available on the school website [here](#)**. These resources provide a useful starting point for planning revision and ensuring that students feel prepared and confident as they approach their mock examinations.

We recognise that Year 11 can feel like a demanding year, and we are committed to supporting every student to achieve their potential. With continued effort, good organisation and a willingness to make the most of the support available, we are confident that students can build on the positive start they have made.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement at home. Working together, we can help our Year 11 students make the most of the opportunities ahead and approach the next stage of their GCSE journey with confidence.

We hope you and your families enjoy a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Feast and the Year 11 Team

