

31st January 2025

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

RE: 100 Days to go until the exams!

As you will undoubtedly be aware the summer exams for our Year 11s are just around the corner. In fact, as I write this, we are less than 100 academy days away from the start of the summer exam season. Before all of this, students will also be completing coursework, sitting controlled assessments and completing practical exams in certain subjects.

I am writing to highlight a few things as we head into these last 100 days. Firstly, the students have been brilliant in their attitude and approach to their recent mock exams. We know that students do not find these periods easy but how they approached these two weeks and how they approached their work in these assessments was really positive. We have spoken with the students about how they practically manage some of these pressures in the summer, and will continue to do this as the next few months progress.

On the back of these mock exams, students have begun receiving feedback and these assessments provide really detailed and informative feedback for both students and teachers. Many subject areas will now produce personalised revision checklists for the students so that they can focus in key areas and make the most of the time they have. Similarly, for our teachers this will now help them to tailor their lessons to most effectively support the students with preparing for their exams. As such lots of lesson will be centred around exam preparation and using past paper exam resources to help address the areas that students need to work on.

In the core subject areas of English, Maths and Science, some of the students may find themselves moving between groups or teachers depending on their need or focus of study at this time. We would usually write to inform you of set changes that impact your children, but in these core subjects, over the next few months, some students may move between several different classes, and teachers, potentially from lesson to lesson, to address the relevant areas that they need to work on. For some students this might mean working with multiple staff, for others this might mean working with one member of staff, but please be reassured that the moves and changes are led by the needs that each student has to try and personalise their experience leading into the exams.

Finally, on Wednesday 26th February, the week after half term, there will be an additional Year 11 Parent's Information Evening. This evening will be very much centred around how students can support themselves in preparing for the summer exams, there will be an opportunity to talk to subject teachers and other colleagues who can provide some advice for both you and your children at this challenging time. We have been encouraged by lots of what we have seen from Year 11 since we returned after the Christmas break and we will continue to support and encourage them in their preparations for this summer's exams to allow them to be as successful as they can.

Kind regards.

Mr Woodhouse Principal

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