

Dear parent/carer,

You will be aware that your child in Year 11 now has just 30 school weeks until they sit their first GCSE examinations. These coming weeks and months are crucial to their GCSE outcomes, which in turn are vital in securing their progression onto the next stage of their education, employment or training.

Parents Information Evening – Tuesday 1st November

To further support your child, we would like to invite you to attend a Year 11 Information Evening on **Tuesday 1st November** between **5pm and 6pm**, please arrive for **4.45pm** for a prompt start. During the Information Evening key staff will provide vital information about the Year 11 learning journey, study skills, mental well-being and how you can effectively support your child with their GCSE study and revision at home.

Revision guides & materials

As part of our further commitment to ensure your child has additional support and revision materials, I have attached a list of popular revision guides for all subject areas. This will aid with revision and supplement additional learning. The names, cost and ISBN numbers for all revision guides are shown to make ordering revision guides much easier.

Mock exams – October/November 2022

All Year 11 students will be undertaking mock exams starting **31st October until 11th November** in preparation for their GCSE examinations in the summer. The mock exams will provide insight into the current level that your child is working at and the relevant level of further targeted support that is needed. It is vital that your child actively works and revises now to achieve the best possible grades. I understand that some students may find exams stressful and this can cause some anxiety. The Year 11 Information Evening will provide a number of strategies to assist and support this. All students will receive a printed copy of their mock exam timetable which they can share with you.

Please ensure that your child has the following equipment for ALL examinations; black pens, pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber, ruler. Additional items that may be needed dependent on the exam are a scientific calculator and maths set.

Parents Evening – Thursday 8th December

Another important date during the Year 11 learning journey is Parents Evening. Parents Evening provides the opportunity for you to understand your child's strengths and areas for development. You will be afforded the opportunity to speak to all of your child's teachers and identify what they need to do to further their learning and attain the best possible outcomes. This is another vitally important date where it is imperative that you attend.

Parents Evening for Year 11 will be on Thursday 8th December, **4.30pm – 7pm**

Your attendance at both events is vital, and your ongoing support in ensuring your child fully understands the importance of the coming months and applies their full attention to examination preparation both in school and at home.

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