



Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 11 students,

Firstly, may I start by thanking the many of you who responded to our recent 'Supporting Your Child as a Learner' questionnaire on the school website. In response to this, and so that you can be as up to date as possible in the support we're providing for our young people, I thought it would be appropriate to write to you to make you aware of the following information.

Keeping You Informed

Many of you, in response to the recent questionnaire, cited a lack of information as being a barrier to your confidence in supporting your child in preparing for their upcoming examinations. To help to mitigate against this, we will shortly be launching a new website section focussed on 'Supporting Your Child in KS4' which will host a range of information; including a full list of courses, specifications and links to appropriate revision resources where available. We will send out an email in due course when this section is launched.

Making the Most of the Support Available

As a school community we aim to support every student as thoroughly as possible. We are aware that when there is a host of different sessions and activities happening, it can be difficult to keep track of. To counteract this, please find attached to this sheet a copy of the Subject Intervention Schedule, this document indicates which departments offer support on which lunchtimes and evenings. Whilst there might not always be a session on in every slot, this provides a broad guide to the provision available.

As well as this, staff will be asked to use the Behaviour System on Bromcom to indicate where a revision session has been set, which requires your child to attend, so that you can see this information on My Child At School. You will be able to use the information, alongside the 'Homework Set' information, to help your child plan out their time, and stay on top of their revision in the coming weeks.

If students have been given a revision session to attend, their attendance is expected and compulsory. If students fail to attend a compulsory session this will be logged as a negative comment which you will be able to see on 'My Child at School' (MCAS). We would ask you to support us in ensuring that pupils access all of the support and help they need, in preparation for their examinations next year. At this stage in their courses, students should be working independently on homework and revision at home, this will include tasks that will be set by teachers to complete over the holidays.

Supporting your child as a learner - Parents Evening

Lastly, our Year 11 'Supporting your child as a learner' parents information evening will be on Wednesday 7th December 2016, beginning at 6:30pm. On this evening, we will be offering a range of workshops on how to best support your child in preparing for their GCSE examinations. There will also be an opportunity to speak to members of departments and mentoring staff.

Changes from Target Grades to 'Minimum Progress Grade'

Responding to changes in the national context, we have decided to focus on each student's 'Minimum Progress Grade' (MPG). This grade is generated through comparing the performance of students in the national cohort. The MPG allocated gives an indication of how students similar to your child will on average perform in each subject. The MPG provides an indication of the lowest possible grade that students could



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aim for, we would of course encourage students to aim to achieve even higher than this. We will use these grades as a basis for tracking students' performance as well as selection for intervention. Accompanying this letter is a form confirming your child's MPG for their subjects.

If you have any questions or queries linked to the information I have shared, or require a reminder of your 'My Child at School' log in details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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Year 11 Intervention Timetable 2016 - 2017

WEEK A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time	English & Vocational + History	RE & Humanities + MFL	Science & Option Block 3	Maths & Option Block 4	English + RE & Vocational + MFL
Evening	English + Humanities	SSC & Option Block 3	Science & Option Block 4 + MFL	RE & Vocational	Maths

WEEK B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time	English & Option Block 4	RE & Option Block 3	Science & Vocational + MFL	Maths & Vocational Humanities	Maths + Science & Option Block 3 + 4
Evening	English	SSC & Option Block 4	Science & Humanities + Option Block 3	RE & Vocational + MFL	Maths



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