

14 February 2017

Dear parent/ carer,

As we move closer to the external exams I want to take this opportunity to update you on a couple of strategies we have put in place for Year 11 and will continue with after half term.

Firstly, you will find enclosed a copy of the Year 11 Catch Up timetable for sessions being offered by staff at lunchtime and after school. This timetable includes all of the sessions being offered by staff on a daily basis. This is subject to change as more staff offer sessions for our Year 11 students and we will ensure that the most recent version is on the academy's website.

To accompany this, and to try to ensure that students don't get too overwhelmed, students have been given a personalised catch up timetable for this week of the sessions that they must attend as a minimum. These sessions have been chosen as your child will be being specifically targeted in that subject. If students have a "free" lunchtime or after school slot they are welcome to attend any of the other catch up sessions on the timetable as well. The idea behind the individual timetables is to ensure that both staff and students know where they need to be as a minimum expectation and that students aren't pulled from pillar to post. This timetable will be given to the students weekly.

Twilight on a Monday will continue and the timetable for the Twilight sessions next half term are listed below:

March 6th: Science

March 13th: Maths

March 20th: History and Sociology

March 27th: Geography and Media

April 3rd: Psychology and Sociology

You will also find enclosed a copy of the mock timetable for after half term. Here at the academy we take mock exams very seriously especially as it is the closest experience we can give the students of the real exams beginning in May 2017. After the mock exams have been completed and marked staff will use all of this information diagnostically to ensure that lessons are focussed on what students are struggling with and to look for key skills and knowledge which need developing. It may well be that individual students catch up sessions change at this point also.

With the external exams beginning in just over 9 school weeks, we have also included a copy of your child's examination entries. This documents all of the examinations that your child will complete this external examination series with dates and times of each separate exam. The students will also be given a copy in the academy which will be explained to them.

Lastly, thank you for your continued support especially at this crucial time of year for Year 11. As always please get in contact with either myself, Sharon Brown or the relevant Head of Department if there is anything we can help with.

Yours faithfully,

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