

13 January 2025

Executive Headteacher - Ms N Sheppard
Head of School - Miss K Begley

Dear parent/carer

Now that your child is in Year 11 and there are only 17 weeks until their final exams, we wanted to inform you of the help and support that is on offer for you and your child over the next two terms.

Beginning this week, we will be holding intervention sessions for individual students who will benefit from additional support in specific subjects. Your child is being informed of the sessions that they have been invited to and an email of the timetable will be shared with you by the end of this week. These sessions will be during tutor time, lunchtime and after school. Please support us by encouraging your child to attend all of the sessions offered to them as this will greatly assist them in achieving their best grades in their final exams. If your child is asked to stay this week, you will receive a text message from us in the morning to let you know.

We will also be holding revision sessions during the February half term and the Easter holidays. Further information about these sessions will be sent out nearer the time. Afterschool revision sessions continue to run and a full list of what is available can be found [here](#).

The next set of Trial Exams begin 10 March. It is crucial that students attend every exam and maximise their opportunities to experience exam conditions. The results of these exams will be given to students Thursday 3 April and the same evening we will be holding our second Year 11 Parents' Evening.

Student attendance in school during all years is extremely important. During Year 11 it becomes vital. During this crucial year in their education, every lesson missed has a direct impact on gaps in student knowledge. Please support us with your child's attendance in school and if you have any issues with this, please speak to Mrs McDowall, Head of Year 11.

The Prom is part of the college's rewards program, celebrating the end of the student's secondary education and rewarding students for all their hard work leading up to and including the GCSE exams. This year the prom will be held on Thursday 26 June at Northwood House.

To encourage students to attend intervention sessions, ensure good attendance in school and conform to our behaviour policy, we are offering a new reward scheme where students can achieve points which will be turned into money off the ticket price for the prom - in essence, the more points earned, the cheaper the ticket for the prom. Or students can earn money off the hoodie or yearbook, or even be awarded Amazon vouchers if none of the others are applicable. When students achieve the required total they will get money off the cost and also be put into a draw to have the whole cost reimbursed. We will launch this scheme with the students in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, please discuss this with your child to support us in achieving excellent attendance at school and all intervention sessions on offer.

There is no automatic right to attend the prom. If your child has an unacceptable level of behaviour points between now and the date of the prom, they will not be invited to attend.


We continue to be vigilant and supportive in relation to the health and wellbeing of students. We are mindful of the fact that this time in their school life can be quite stressful and some students may become anxious. We have a team of staff in school to support your child through this time and if you have any concerns or issues, please contact the Head of Year, Mrs McDowall in the first instance.

We have outlined a series of key dates below to assist you in preparing for your child's final year at secondary school.

Thursday 23 January	Help your child to revise evening for parents and carers
Monday 10 March	Year 11 Trial Exams begin
Thursday 3 April	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 3 April	Trial results day
Monday 24 February	Final Practical Exams begin
Thursday 8 May	Final written exams begin (Initial exam timetable)
Wednesday 11 June	Exam Contingency afternoon
Wednesday 18 June	Final date of exams
Wednesday 25 June	Exam Contingency Day
Thursday 26 June	Prom
Thursday 3 July	End of Year Awards Ceremony
Thursday 21 August	GCSE Results Day

There are only 17 weeks until the first written GCSE exam. By working together we can ensure all students maximise their potential and make the best progress possible. Please help us to secure the best GCSE results for your child by supporting them at home, encouraging homework completion, revision and attendance at enrichment sessions. We look forward to working with you over the next 12 weeks in ensuring all students reach their full potential and are able to access the life opportunity they choose.

Yours faithfully



Miss Begley
Head of School

Revision intervention timetable

Monday		Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
tutor	lunch	tutor	lunch	after school	tutor	lunch	after school	tutor	lunch	after school	tutor	lunch	after school
English CJO SO2	English CJO SO2	Higher Science EJA F08	Art NWE S09	English DCO SO4	Higher Maths PSC F04	Art NWE S09	English JRI SO1	F Maths PSC F04	Art NWE S09	English JRI SO2	English CJO SO2	DT AFL G03	Drama DLY Drama Studio
Science F EJA FO8	Art NWE S09		DT AFL G01	English JRI SO1	History ERA S07	Music BPE S11	Business GMA G04		DT AFL G03	Maths F02, F05	English CJO SO2	Graphics SHO S10	Graphics SHO S10
	DT AFL G01			Combined Science VBR,MGO ,SRO			Combined Science VBR,MGO ,SRO			French JBE G04			Music BPE S11
	Graphics SHO S10			History ERA S08			Drama DLY Drama Studio			Computer Science RJO F01			
	Sports BTEC KPH S10			DT AFL G03			Art NWE S09			DT AFL G03			
				Food TTU G03			Food TTU G03			HSC and CD KMA S10			
				F Maths JHA F05			Geog TWE G06			Music BPE S11			
							Mandarin G05 JBR						

Key
Open session- All students with an invitation should attend and other students who take the subject are also welcome
invitation only- Only students invited can attend these sessions