



HEADTEACHER: Mr K Ford

7th February 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope the students are able to have a rest over half term break, ready to begin the countdown to their GCSEs on their return to school on Monday 20th February. The majority of Year 11 students are displaying a mature attitude towards their learning and are putting themselves in the best possible position to realise their potential. I am writing to inform you of some important dates for the second half of the Spring term.

In the w/c Monday 20th February, our 6th form team will start meeting all of Year 11 for "Guidance Discussions" about the student's next steps post GCSE. Form tutors will be sharing this information with students, so they know when their appointment time is for these discussions.

A further series of mocks examinations will take place in the core subjects (English, Maths, Science) and these will take place in classrooms, not the hall.

- Maths mocks will take place w/c Monday 20th February, students will have one calculator and one non-calculator paper
- English mocks will begin w/c 13th March, there are two papers (English Language Paper 2: 1hr 45 minutes, and English Literature Paper 2: 2hrs 15 minutes)
- Science mocks will take place on Wednesday 22nd, Friday 24th and Wednesday 29th March. Subject teachers will provide students with more detailed information

After half term, we will be opening the 6th form centre after school exclusively for the use of Year 11s to revise. These sessions will run from 3:00pm - 4.30pm, students can stay for one or more sessions each week. They do not need to book. They are required to sign in and out during the session. Revision sessions will be in silence and allow students a quiet space for independent study/revision.

I am looking forward to accompanying Year 11 on the trip to the Bucks Skills Show "Buckinghamshire's largest skills and careers inspiration event for young people", on Thursday 9th March 2023.

During the next half term, I will send another communication about Easter and May Half term revision sessions which will be on offer to Year 11 students.

Form tutors are discussing revision strategies with Year 11 and providing opportunities for revision in some of our morning form sessions. I am also encouraging Year 11s to make use of the Adapt app to generate a bespoke revision timetable.

All Year 11 students are invited to the prom. It is at Monkton Barn on 29 June. Please purchase a ticket via Wisepay by 28th February. More details will follow. It would be fantastic to have the whole year group join in this celebration. We do have a few outfits available if people do not want to buy anything new. Do get in touch with me to find out more.

Yours faithfully

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Director of Learning, Year 11

