



HEADTEACHER: Mr K Ford

28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer

As you will be aware students in Year 11/ 13 are entering the final few weeks of their education prior to the commencement of the public examinations in May. I am writing to you to inform you of the process for signing up to the revision sessions that some subject areas are offering over the Easter Holiday and also to inform you of important dates after the Easter break, including the final assembly for Year 11 and study leave.

### **Easter Revision Sessions:**

Over the Easter break some staff will be offering revision sessions to support the individual independent revision that students should now be doing. As a year group the theme of revision and preparation has been continual over the last 2 years and has been covered in both form time and RSHE lessons. All students in Year 11 have had detailed information about revision techniques/ resources and also revision timetables that support not only the learning process and retention of subject material but also look at the wider preparations for public examinations such as sleep, well-being, diet and exercise, all of which can contribute to examination success.

The revision sessions on offer are in addition to the revision sessions that have been offered in term time and as they are in the holiday period students will need to be aware of the process for attending these sessions. Subject teachers will inform (by email) students and parents/ carers of the revision sessions that will be running in that subject area. The email will confirm the date, time, location and content of the revision session(s). The email will contain a link to a Microsoft Form that must be completed giving permission for the student to attend.

Please also take time to look at our school website to see the [revision resources](#). In addition, Year 11 students have all been encouraged to download the Adapt App to their phones. This creates a bespoke revision timetable. If you would like further information please use this [link](#). The website also provides students with access to the [learning ladders](#) which once opened will allow students to access revision resources for their individual GCSE subjects by clicking on the number.

### **How to use the learning ladders?**

Click on [curriculum](#) section of the website. Click on [department](#). Open up [learning ladder](#). Click on [Year number](#) on ladder.

### **Year 11: Important dates**

**Monday 17 April**, we have secured the services of a company called “**Fix Up**” who specialise in supporting students with revision (flyer attached). You may wish to look at their promo [video](#)

The whole cohort will have a one-hour morning session on being exam ready, revision methods, time management and well-being. An additional one-hour session will be offered to 80 students identified by their form tutors as benefitting from further support.

After the Easter holidays, the CEO of **Adapt** will be delivering an assembly to further promote this revision app to support the students.

Final exam timetables will be distributed to students w/c **24<sup>th</sup> April** by their form tutors who will be encouraging the students to take a photo with their phone in case they lose the paper copy.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** (No Year 11 lessons)

Form time 08:35-09:00

Leavers' Breakfast - From the canteen (weather permitting) 09:00 - 09:55

09:55 - 11:00 Leavers assembly (Mr Ford, Mrs Pendlebury, Mrs Wheeler)

11:00 - Students leave site

- Lessons as normal on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - students who have exams on this day are to go to the canteen at the appropriate times for am/ pm examinations - NPN will communicate this to Year 11 students
- Study leave will commence on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** - timetabled lessons will run as normal. Students are encouraged to attend lessons but can leave site after their last examination of the day or between examinations if there are 2 on a day (they will need to sign out and back in)
- Between **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** and **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** all timetable lessons will run as normal even if the examination(s) in that subject has/ have been completed. Where examinations in subjects have been completed students may turn up to their lesson room and revise for their other examinations
- From **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** - only lessons in examinations that have not yet taken place will continue to run in normal timetabled slots.

We are working hard to offer Year 11 academic and holistic support at this time. Please find attached a flyer from our Mental Health Support Team regarding 2 webinars on "Rising Above Exam Stress"

Key messages that we are conveying to Year 11 are:

- Exam anxiety is normal
- A structured revision plan will help alleviate stress
- Revise regularly: little and often, then build up as we approach the exam season
- Exercise and clubs are important to continue for our well-being
- Seeing friends is important for our wellbeing and they can help us revise!
- Healthy diet and plenty of water will help
- A good sleep routine helps
- You will have a really long summer after your last exam!

Further details regarding the Prom will follow in due course.

I wish your families a happy and restful Easter break.

Kind Regards

**Mrs Pendlebury**  
**Director of Learning Year 11**