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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope your son/daughter has had an excellent summer break and a positive and settled return to school. I managed to contain the urge to get in touch over the summer to mention revision/revisiting work from year 10, but I do hope they managed to do some.

I wanted to make contact to provide several updates, and pieces of key information that will help you support over the coming weeks.

Supporting Success Timetable – after school sessions

Subject staff, as always, volunteer to run some sessions afterschool to support students with their revision. It provides students with an opportunity to:

- Consolidate their classroom learning and build further confidence
- Fill identified gaps in knowledge in preparation for the October mock exams
- Complete and improve coursework elements of subjects
- Attend targeted sessions to support the move from one specific grade to the next

The subjects available, days and times are attached. Please continue to encourage your son/daughter to attend the sessions, especially in subjects where they may not yet be working at their target grade, or they have received a specific invite.

Mock exams – starting W/B 9 October 2023

The first round of mock examinations begin the week before October half term, from Monday 9 October. They will provide students with an excellent opportunity to identify what they do and don't know in their subjects, alongside a benchmark of their progress to date.

The mock exam timetable will be shared this week, then revision planning will be introduced to students in form time. Your encouragement and support with both the revision planning and then following the plan is vital. Before Christmas, parents will have an opportunity to come and look at the revision planning process as students start preparing for their second round of mock exams in February.

Our mock exams are carried out following the same rules and regulations as the summer GCSE exams to ensure the outcomes produced are reliable and it ensures students are ready for their external exams in the summer term. Students cannot take revision materials, electronic devices, wristwatches, or bags into the exam hall with them. These need to be stored in student lockers, please support by ensuring your son/daughter can access a locker to safely store their equipment.

The mock exams are clearly important, the more learning and revision that is done now the easier it will be in the summer, so please continue to guide your sons/daughters to prepare as much as they can.

Year 11 Parents evening – 29th November (J Band) & 6th December (F Band)

Parents evening will follow the first round of mock exams, tracking will have been completed and shared so you will be able to see and discuss the following data:

- **Mock exam grade** (the grade achieved in the mock exam)
- **Target grade** (the target we have set for students based on their KS2 SAT scores)
- **Predicted grade** (the grade teachers are currently predicting for students based on the assessment evidence they have, alongside the student's attitude to learning)
- **Attitude to learning** (the teacher view on how students are approaching their work at that time)

Year 11 parents evening will continue to be online through SchoolCloud, however, the length of the appointment has been extended to 5 minutes. The additional time will allow for greater discussion, questions and identification of what students need to be doing to make further progress.

To accommodate this extra time the Year 11 parents evening will be split over two evenings. The two evenings will be split J band one week and F band the next. Each student/parent's appointments will, therefore, only be for one of the nights. You will receive your invite email, as normal, for the evening that corresponds for your son/daughter.

Year 11 Supporting Success Evening – 10 January 2023 5.30pm

This will be an opportunity for a face-to-face meeting where we will talk through the plans for the second round of mock exams and the summer exams.

Leaders from the English, mathematics and science teams will present the key things that your son/daughter can be doing in their subjects with about 3 weeks to go to the mock exams.

Mrs Mitcham and the Year 11 form tutors will be available for conversations, if required, following the presentation part of the meeting.

Thank you for your continued support and please don't hesitate to get in touch if I can be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Matt King