

September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to share with you the additional support we have put in place for our Year 11 students to ensure they are in the strongest possible position when sitting their GCSE exams at the end of this academic year. Mock examinations will take place from Monday 13 November 2023 for two weeks, and we are aware that there are gaps in some students' knowledge and learning caused by school absence during the pandemic.

In order to provide additional support for our students, we are running a series of additional lessons every Monday to Thursday from 3:20pm until 4:15pm each day. Attendance at these lessons is compulsory for all Year 11 students. The sessions will be tackling issues arising from the mock exams, which your children sat in July 2023, and will also provide exam practice to prepare students for future mock and external examinations.

These sessions will continue throughout the year in preparation for the summer GCSE exams and we will update you each half term with a timetable of sessions. We hope that this will provide your child with some additional routine and structure in preparing for their GCSEs.

Students will be informed about which groups and rooms they are in each week by their form tutors. Almost all of the sessions will be held with their class teachers, unless they are being provided with additional exam practice support.

The Period 6 sessions running during this half term are:

Date	Mon 11 Sept	Tue 12 Sept	Wed 13 Sept	Thurs 14 Sept
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Maths	History, Geography, Spanish, RE & Exam Skills	Science	English

Date	Mon 18 Sept	Tue 19 Sept	Wed 20 Sept	Thurs 21 Sept
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Maths	Art, Photography, Product Design, Textiles, Food and Exam Skills	Science	English

Date	Mon 25 Sept	Tue 26 Sept	Wed 27 Sept	Thurs 28 Sept
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Maths	Revision skills workshops for students & parents - more information to follow	Science	English

Date	Mon 2 Oct	Tue 3 Oct	Wed 4 Oct	Thurs 5 Oct
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Maths	Health & Social, Child Development, Sport, Music, Drama and Exam Skills	Science	English

Date	Mon 9 Oct	Tue 10 Oct	Wed 11 Oct	Thurs 12 Oct
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Maths	History, Geography, Spanish, RE & Exam Skills	Science	English

Date	Mon 16 Oct	Tue 17 Oct	Wed 18 Oct	Thurs 19 Oct
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Maths	Art, Photography, Product Design, Textiles, Food and Exam Skills	Science	English

Parents are also invited to the session on Tuesday 26 September 2023, as we are running revision workshops to provide you with information about revision techniques in each subject area. We will also have external providers in attendance from local colleges and sixth forms. Further information about this event will follow.

We will provide you with the mock exam timetable in the coming weeks and students will receive revision lists for their mock papers during w/c Monday 25 September 2023.

We have planned celebrations at the end of the school year, including our Prom, for those students who earn an invitation through their hard work and effort during Year 11, which includes the expectation that they attend Period 6 sessions. Failure to attend will be a factor taken into account when making decisions about who is and is not invited to attend those celebrations.

If you have any questions about any of the information in this letter, or you would like to have a more general discussion about exam preparation, please do not hesitate to contact the school via email in the first instance: info@appletonacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



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