

November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to share with you details of 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 some of our students find it difficult to carry out independent revision at home.

To provide additional support for our students we have timetabled compulsory period 6 sessions. This 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 further routine and structure in preparing for their GCSEs.

The expectation is that all students need to carry out daily revision to keep on top of their preparation for their exams. Cramming the night before an exam is not the best way to prepare and this should be spread out over a period of weeks and revisited regularly. Each week, homework plans are sent out to parents and students to guide them on what they should be focusing on.

The period 6 sessions running for the remainder of this half term will support students in preparing for exams and address areas of weakness from the previous mock series in Year 10. During the mock exam weeks, we have timetabled general revision sessions where students will complete revision under the guidance and support of staff. The expectation is that students bring with them revision tasks to complete during the sessions and they will have access to laptops so that they can use online revision resources. During the final week of term, we are running wellbeing sessions to support students in looking after their mental and physical health and they will be able to opt into sessions of their choice. Further details will be shared with students after the mock examinations. The timetable for the period 6 sessions for the next 6 weeks is below:

Date	Mon 6 Nov	Tues 7 Nov	Weds 8 Nov	Thurs 9 Nov
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Band A - English Band B - Science	Careers - Post 16 Application Workshops	Band A - Maths Band B - English	Band A - Science Band B - Maths

Date	Mon 13 Nov	Tues 14 Nov	Weds 15 Nov	Thurs 16 Nov
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	General Revision	General Revision	General Revision	General Revision

Date	Mon 20 Nov	Tues 21 Nov	Weds 22 Nov	Thurs 23 Nov
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	General Revision	General Revision	General Revision	General Revision

Date	Mon 27 Nov	Tues 28 Nov	Weds 29 Nov	Thurs 30 Nov
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Band A - English Band B - Science	H&F Faculty	Band A - Maths Band B - English	Band A - Science Band B - Maths

Date	Mon 4 Dec	Tues 5 Dec	Weds 6 Dec	Thurs 7 Dec
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Band A - English Band B - Science	A&D Faculty	Band A - Maths Band B - English	Band A - Science Band B - Maths

Date	Mon 11 Dec	Tues 12 Dec	Weds 13 Dec	Thurs 14 Dec
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Wellbeing Sessions	Wellbeing Sessions	Wellbeing Sessions	Wellbeing Sessions

We have planned celebrations for those students who have earned an invitation through their hard work and effort during Year 11, along with their attendance of these intervention sessions.

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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