

January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you regarding 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, which are now only 14 school weeks away. Mock examinations will also take place from week commencing Monday 5 February 2024 for three 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. These will continue up to 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.

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 revision 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 in what they should be focusing on.

The Period 6 sessions will resume on Monday 8 January 2024 and will support students in preparing for exams and address areas of weakness identified during their previous mock exam series in November 2023. During the mock exam weeks, Period 6 sessions will continue as normal. The timetable for the Period 6 sessions for the next 6 weeks is below:

Date	Mon 8th Jan	Tue 9th Jan	Wed 10th Jan	Thur 11th Jan
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Band A - Science Band B - Maths	History Geography RE Spanish	Band A - Maths Band B - Science	Band A & B - English

Date	Mon 15th Jan	Tue 16th Jan	Wed 17th Jan	Thur 18th Jan
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Band A - Science Band B - Maths	Sport Child Development Health & Social Care General Revision	Band A - Maths Band B - Science	Parents Evening Period 6 Cancelled

Date	Mon 22nd Jan	Tue 23rd Jan	Wed 24th Jan	Thur 25th Jan
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Band A - Science Band B - Maths	History Geography RE Spanish	Band A - Maths Band B - Science	Band A & B - English

Date	Mon 29th Jan	Tue 30th Jan	Wed 31st Jan	Thur 1st Feb
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Band A - Science Band B - Maths	Sport Child Development Health & Social Care General Revision	Band A - Maths Band B- Science	Band A & B - English

Date	Mon 5th Feb	Tue 6th Feb	Wed 7th Feb	Thur 8th Feb
Time	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15	15:20 - 16:15
Subject(s)	Y9 Parents Evening Period 6 Cancelled	History Geography RE Spanish	Band A - Maths Band B- Science	Band A & B - English

Additional sessions will run during the February half term break and we will communicate details to you nearer the time.

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: info@appletonacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



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