

February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

At the beginning of the academic year, we introduced Period 6 sessions to support our Year 11 students in preparing for their GCSE examinations.

These sessions are important, as they support your children with their revision, allow time for teachers to re-visit learning and provide small group support, which is offered in addition to the teaching timetable.

The Period 6 sessions require a great deal of additional planning to ensure they are tailored to meet the needs of the Year 11 students. Therefore, it is with deep regret that I write to inform you that we have had to make the extremely difficult decision to postpone Period 6 sessions until after the mock exams due to staff absence and the increased workload for teaching staff who are already preparing for and marking mocks.

Staff already provide weekly revision for Year 11 students, which can be found on our website here: <https://appletonacademy.co.uk/secondary/year-11/>, with a link also being sent to parents each Monday by text. These resources have been provided since September and this will continue. This will ensure that your children continue to have a clear plan of what to revise. However, if they are unsure about anything or require any guidance or support, they can speak to teaching staff during their lessons.

The mock examinations take place on the following dates:

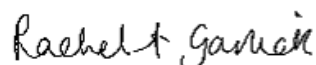
Monday 5 February until Friday 9 February 2024

Monday 19 February until Friday 1 March 2024

Period 6 sessions will also recommence on a date to be confirmed following the completion of mock examinations.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Garlick".

Rachel Garlick
Head of Secondary Education