

13 January 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Revision Planning Evening - Tuesday 19 January 5.30pm

As you are no doubt aware, the GCSE examinations are 15 school weeks away, some 18 weeks if we include February half-term and Easter. Clearly it is a critical time for us all, and we want to ensure Year 11 have every opportunity to plan their revision effectively, and make it count. You will appreciate how vital it is to establish disciplined routines to keep on top of revision starting next week, whilst managing existing homework and after-school Enrichment commitments. We will be running half-term and Easter revision sessions as in the past, but more details about this will follow later in the term. Our talented students have the potential to do extremely well, yet need our support to differing degrees to ensure they achieve all they are capable of.

I write to invite you to a Revision Planning Evening on Tuesday 19 January starting at 5.30pm. This will involve presentations by our Head of English Miss Conroy, our Head of Maths Mr Upex and our Head of Science Ms Chiverton, taking you through the revision materials we have made available to students, and what we are expecting each week in terms of revision topics. I will also present on the generic Revision Timetable we have produced to help, and the Core and Option Revision Guides we have produced in house for all students. I will also explain how we will keep you informed about which Enrichment sessions your son/daughter should be attending after school each week, and our approach to strongly encouraging attendance.

Mr Upex will discuss what mathematics work students will be expected to complete privately and talk about the ways in which we can support students to strengthen their mathematical understanding at home. This will include a brief demonstration on how to use their revision guides effectively, along with how to get the most from the MyMaths website and the Mathswatch VLE.

Miss Conroy will discuss the set texts for the Literature exams; explain the 16 week exam plan which began this month and discuss the recent mock exams. This will enable all students to feel highly confident for both the final English Language and English Literature exams.

There will be an opportunity afterwards, to ask questions in an informal setting, with the Heads of English, maths and science, as well as myself. This event will run alongside the Careers Fair which is on 19th January at 5pm until 7pm. There will be an opportunity for you and your child to speak to the exhibitors at the Careers Fair both before and after the Revision Planning Meeting.

Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated and we look forward to meeting you with your child for this key evening, it really is an important one at this time.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Wappat
Principal