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Dear Parents/Carers

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Tern 3 Update

As we head towards the end of Term 3, this letter provides you with an update of the opportunities available here in school to support your child to achieve the very best grades in their GCSE exams in the summer.

At this point, it is important to state that the summer examinations are going ahead. We are not expecting any alternative form of GCSE grading this year. Summer examinations run until the end of June 2022 and the exam board contingency day is Wednesday 29 June 2022. The designation of a 'contingency day' within the common examination timetable, is in the event of national or local disruption to examinations. It is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations.

It is vital that your child plans for the expectations of examinations. As a starter, we expect 100% proactivity, both in class and with out of class learning and the highest possible attendance.

I hope you have seen, through social media, the additional subject support available to students in Year 11, both at lunchtime and after school. In Term 4 there will be the addition of both Science and additional English sessions. Students will be notified of these. We strongly encourage students to attend a number of these. Students who do attend sessions note the value of bespoke support in a smaller group setting.

In addition to subject support intervention, supervision is in place for students to stay in school from 3.15pm-4.15pm, Monday–Thursday for individual private study. Lower B&E.

For English, Maths and Science, there are additional base time intervention opportunities.

We have purchased the CGP 'How to Revise for GCSE' (Study Skills and Revision Planner) for each student in Year 11. As well as providing a useful reminder of the various revision tools, there is an essential revision timetable towards the back of the book. With just 12 weeks until the first examination, we encourage the use of this. Your child's base leader will be supporting them with planning this revision, during base time.

On the back of the successful base leader mentoring carried out last term, your child's base leader has set up another opportunity to discuss subject progress, priorities and preparation for the PPEs starting on Monday 21 January. More details about PPEs is attached.

Your child has received additional information about the Post 16 application process and the various routes open to them. Interviews for our Sixth Form are taking place now and into next month. Your child also attended the Careers Fair here in school on Friday 28 January, which gave them the opportunity to find out about careers locally, opportunities they may not have considered before. If you have any queries about Post 16 provision, feel free to contact us.

We do not underestimate the pressures that students can find themselves under at this time in their school life. In addition to base leaders, and our ESL team, Ms. Selmes, our NSfG Mental Health Lead, is here to support. She is available very Monday after school to help and advise about stress and anxiety. Students can book an appointment with her between 3.15pm to 4.15pm every Monday.

This term, we have our Dream Big event on 10 February. There are a range of activities in place focussing on what is important to your child at this stage in their Year 11 journey. The motivational speaker, Action Jackson will be joining us. Some students will be involved with university visits/career related sessions.

We continue to award students for their achievement throughout the year – acknowledging not only the highest attainment but best proactivity and best progress. Our next celebration will focus on the achievements of students in their PPEs in February.

Our next Year 11 Parents' Evening is on 30 March. We plan a face to face opportunity. This deliberately coincides with the Term 4 reports, thereby giving you the most up-to-date progress information to discuss with subject teachers.

In the summer, we are planning to arrange either a trip or a Prom as a final celebration of the year. The Year 11 base leaders are working with students from each base group to establish how to move forward with this.

In the meantime, please encourage your child to attend intervention sessions and take advantage generally of all the support on offer.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Norwood
Headteacher

Yr11 PPE Weeks

W/C – Monday 21st February 2022 in the SPORTS HALL

	<i>Monday</i> 21.2.22	<i>Tuesday</i> 22.2.22	<i>Wednesday</i> 23.2.22	<i>Thursday</i> 24.2.22	<i>Friday</i> 25.2.22
AM	9.00am Comp. Sc 1h30 Ethics 1h 45	9.00am Maths Paper 1 1 H 30 Min	9.00am Science 1h15	9.00am English 1h45	8.45am Science 1h15
	11.30am English 1h45	11.30am Business 1h30 French (Writing) F-1h H-1h15	11.30am Maths Paper 2 1h30	11.30am Maths Paper 3 1h30	10.55am

	<i>Monday</i> 28.2.22	<i>Tuesday</i> 1.3.22	<i>Wednesday</i> 2.3.22	<i>Thursday</i> 3.3.22	<i>Friday</i> 4.3.22
AM	9.00am Computer Science 1h 30 Ethics 1h Music 2h in CD6*	9.00am History 1 55min Inv*	9.00am History 2 1h 20 Inv	9.00 Geography 1h30 Inv*	8.45am IT 1h45 Art 2h in CD8*
	11.30am Science 1h15 2pm in CC2 Spanish Reading F – sports hall (45min and 1h)	11.30am French (listening and Reading) F- sports hall (40+45min) Inv* H-CC1* (50+60min)	11.30am Business 1h30 Inv*	11.30am Media 1h30 Design Tech. 2h Spanish(Writing) F-1h H-1h15	10.55am Media 1h30 Inv*

Monday 7th March

French and Spanish Speaking assessments

Thursday 10th March 11.30am in CC2

Spanish Listening assessments