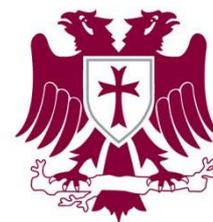


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Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 11 Revision and Intervention Programme

As you will be aware, your child has now embarked on one of the most important years in their educational journey. Please be mindful that due to Government changes in the law, all young people are now required to continue in education or training until the end of the year in which they turn 17. GCSE Examinations are now significantly more challenging than ever before and all students must secure at least a grade 5 in both English and Mathematics before enrolling onto Sixth Form College Level 3 courses.

Towards the end of this academic year, students will sit public GCSE examinations in all subjects. These begin on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which means that they have only 22 weeks to prepare for the start of their GCSE examinations.

We would ask that you support us in our final preparations with your child, by ensuring outstanding attendance at school and at all revision support programmes offered, by encouraging your child to have a good work ethic both at school and home and to keep up to date with their work.

We are very conscious that some students may find it difficult to deal with the pressures of this academic year. We would encourage you to alert us to any signs of this and want to reassure you that we have an outstanding welfare team at school that are available to support your child throughout the year and we have a drop in session with an arts therapist.

As teachers and parents, we want every single student to achieve their maximum potential and to achieve examination success. Students should now be embarking on their own examination preparations, but to support them, an intense examination revision and intervention programme will begin in January.

All revision or intervention programmes will run in addition to normal timetabled lessons and may be scheduled to take place during lunchtimes, after school, weekends or during holidays. These programmes are an integral part of your child's preparation for the examinations and, as such, attendance is **compulsory**. As you are already aware in the letter about the Prom, attendance at revision sessions is a condition of your child's invitation.



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## **Examination Preparation Activities**

### 'After-school' Revision Clubs (individual subject areas)

- ✓ See attached calendar. These will take place on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and will run for approximately 1 hour.

### Revision Techniques

- ✓ This will start in January and will take place in Family Time.

### Supervised Revision Club

- ✓ Monday-Thursday lunchtimes in RE5; for private study

### Dealing with Examination Pressure

- ✓ Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm – our Arts Therapist runs a 'drop in' session for any students who are struggling with examination pressure.
- ✓ Monday Family Time – Meditation session for any Year 11 student.

### Parents Meeting for underperformance in a number of subjects

- ✓ A meeting will be held before February half term for those parents whose child is underperforming in a number of subject areas.

**YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IF YOUR CHILD IS INVOLVED IN ANY OF THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES.**

Yours sincerely



**Mrs CP McCarron  
Headteacher**