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Dear Parent

RE - Year 11 Update Letter for HT2

The first half term with our year 11 students has been brilliant. Thank you for all your support so far. As such as a year group to the end of last week our collective attendance was 97.2% with 164 of our students having above 96% attendance. This letter is to update you on the second half term of year 11 including mock exams, intervention on offer for students and any key dates that are coming up.

Year 11 Mock Exams

The mock exams are Monday 5th November until 20th November. Students have all received their mock exam timetable, they were asked to take a picture of it as well. During the first round of mock exams, students will get a briefing from myself or Mrs Strawbridge that remind them of the exam board regulations which **must** be adhered to, there are no exceptions. The reason for this is if a student did not heed these warnings and was found with a phone on them in the exam hall – they would be disqualified from the exam meaning then would not get a grade. We would not like to see this happen for any of our year 11's. The expectations are:

- To arrive to school as normal and on time
- To arrive for the briefing on time (this will be in guidance or 1pm depending on the exam)
- To come equipped – students can only have a clear pencil case, in this they **need black pens** only, pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, a scientific calculator and if they want to they can have highlighters.
- To come in correct uniform - Full uniform and uniform expectations remain in place for all exams – the mocks and real GCSE exams.

Smart watches are not allowed into the examination hall due to exam regulations and standard watches must be removed and placed on desks. We would advise that smart watches are left at home to reduce the risk of damage or loss.

If students do not have an exam they are expected to be in school and in their normal timetabled lesson. For mock exams there is no study leave. It may be the case that they are allowed to leave slightly early from 3pm if they have an afternoon exam that finishes slightly earlier than the normal academy day. This will only be those in an exam.

Mock Results Day

Students will get their results on 17th January as this will coincide with the year 11 parents evening which is also held on Thursday 17th January – this is also when students get their assessment point 2 data. This will mean that you can get direct feedback on the day from class teachers as to your child's grades and progress in their subjects. We would really like to see as many of you as possible at parents evening.

Year 11 Intervention Timetable

Below is the current intervention timetable on offer to year 11 students. There are subjects to add yet such as Science and this will start after half term. For English and Maths if students are invited to these areas they must make this a priority to attend.

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	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History B115 – INVITE only. Spanish B001 - INVITE only, specific skills change every week. French B103 - INVITE only, specific skills change every week. KS4 - KS5 Drama Studio rehearsal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English. GCSE Music targeted composition intervention.
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPE B112. Child Development & Construction A105 Mrs Parker. KS4 - KS5 Drama Studio rehearsal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama - KS4 – Drama Studio. D&T A001 Mr Kelly. KS4 Health and Social Care – A105 with Mrs Lockton.
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography revision and exam skills. Room B110/ B107. French Drop in B103. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Development & Construction A105 with Mrs Parker. GCSE Music performance intervention.
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish Drop in B001 Food A011 GCSE Music drop in A006 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths – INVITE only.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Science drop in A121. Dance - A110 Dance Studio. Sports Science OCR Cambridge National B114 Target intervention. History Drop in B115. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Development & Construction A105 with Mrs Parker.

Key Dates

5th November – School returns from half term

5th – 20th November – year 11 Mock Exams

9th November – Inset Day

12th- 16th November – National Anti-Bullying Week

16th November – Bright Day (mock exams continue for year 11)

3rd December – yr11 Mock Oral Exams for MFL

11th January 2019 – Inset Day

17th January 2019 – Year 11 Parents Evening & Mock Results day

31st January 2019 – application deadline for Arnold Hill Sixth Form

Prom Committee

This is up and running with students deciding on what they want for their prom at the end of year 11. Students are gaining achievement points – so much so that they would like to see the target amount increased – this will go through our year council for student feedback first. Year 11 are still means striving to gain at least 100 achievement points, less than 70 behaviour points, 0 exclusions, no more than 1 isolation and at least 96% attendance. Wildcards will be issued to individuals as we know for some there are individual circumstances which mean they may not quite meet these criteria – such as a known medical condition. Should you have any questions or queries please contact in the first instance your child’s tutor. Alternatively, Miss Barratt (Mon & Tues only) Miss Hallam (Weds-Fri) or myself can be contacted and we will aim to get back to you within 48 hours.

Yours faithfully

Miss Garrad
Head of Year 11