

19th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has now started their final year of education at secondary school. This week in assembly, students have received the results of their end of Year 10 Pre Public Exams. Please discuss these grades with your child. Each student received a personalised 'Statement of Results'. We will include the result in their first assessment review of Year 11 which you will receive at October Half Term. In addition, we now commence the schedule of after school revision sessions, 'Period 6'.

Period 6 is voluntary but they come highly recommended. Please find enclosed a summary of the schedule, it would be a good idea to pin this somewhere visible at home. We strongly recommend that students attend as many of these sessions as possible, you can also keep an eye on our twitter feed for updates on the Period 6 timetable. Often we will text parents with reminders, this helps us keep these extra lessons high on the agenda. You will see from the schedule that we have prioritised English and Maths, and you can see that Tuesdays and Thursdays are the main evenings for Period 6. Teachers have meetings and training on Mondays and Wednesdays, however, through the year we will make some available for Period 6 and we will notify you of these dates as they happen. Year 11 students may well be staying behind on other nights, which are not designated as Period 6, Fridays for example, if you have any concerns, please get in touch.

It is a proven fact that additional, extended study leads to greater levels of achievement for students. We know from Period 6 registers last year, the students who attended these extra sessions were motivated and hard working; they achieved the best results. Your support in helping to motivate and encourage the Year 11 students in this final push towards their GCSE examinations is greatly appreciated. Just to be clear, attending Period 6 sessions is just a start and they do not cover all the revision a student should be doing. All Year 11 students should be spending at least two hours each night on school work. It will be necessary for successful students to work independently and without direction, this means that even if a student feels they have 'no homework', they should still be revising. This will be in a variety of forms, such as using exercise books, revision guides, completing practice exam papers or online websites and apps.

Finally, we also recognise that for some students, the pending examinations can bring stress and anxiety. We do have support in school to help manage the stresses and strains of Year 11, if you feel this is something your child would benefit from, please discuss with your child and contact me using my email address cathy.johnston@gaa.org.uk

We look forward to working with you this year and to celebrating the students' successes in August 2019.

With kind regards,



Mrs C Johnston
Vice Principal

I would look good pinned to the fridge! ☺

11 Period 6 Schedule

	Mondays (Not all Mondays, 11 weeks only)	Tuesdays	Wednesdays (Not all Wednesdays)	Thursdays	Fridays
Week 1	Sport and Health	<i>Divided by Year Half</i> 11/12 Maths 11/34 English	Various subjects, by invitation. IT RE MFL Media	Science Technology	Various subjects, by invitation. IT RE MFL Media
Week 2	Sport and Health	<i>Divided by Year Half</i> 11/12 English 11/34 Maths		History Geography Art Music Drama	

Important Dates for Year 11

Assessment Review 1: 26th October 2018

Year 11 PPEs (Mock Exams): 26th November to 14th December 2018

Assessment Review 2: 21st December 2018

PPE Results Assembly: 14th January 2019

Year 11 Parents' Evening: Thursday 17th January 2019

Assessment Review 3: 15th February 2019

Assessment Review 4: 5th April 2019

GCSE Exam Season Starts: 13th May 2019

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