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22 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our plan to make up some of the learning time lost due to the lockdown we are introducing a Period 6 for all Year 11 students from Tuesday 22 September. This will operate three days each week with all subjects involved as per the timetable below:

Week 1	Tuesday	Option Q	ICT, Computer Science, History PF, French
	Wednesday	Science	
	Thursday	Option P	Art, Business, Spanish, Geography CBR, DT
Week 2	Tuesday	Option S	DT, PE, History RJE, Art, Food
	Wednesday	Option R	Geography, Spanish, PE, Drama, RE
	Thursday	Maths	

A late bus will operate on each of these afternoons with students leaving school by 4.30 pm.

Due to staff training the session this coming Thursday, 24 September will not go ahead. Any future cancelations will be communicated to Year 11 students in advance.

We are also planning additional maths intervention sessions which start this week with Mr Smith along with the maths and English sessions already in place. These will take place in Core PE time or Option lessons depending on individual needs. The intervention provision will be increased as the year progresses and individual needs are identified. As parents you will be kept informed of what is available.

We also plan to have only one set of Mock GCSE Exams this year starting the week after the Christmas holidays for 3 weeks. We are also anticipating a decision by the government to delay the exams next summer by 3 weeks, to start on 2 June and run until the beginning of July. This is NOT yet confirmed however and could change. Please consider this if planning any holidays.

Indeed it has been very difficult to plan anything with any certainty in recent months but please be assured we are doing all we can to ensure your son/daughter achieves the best possible GCSE grades next summer.

We would usually have a Parent's Evening and Post-16 choices event on 6 October. This has been cancelled in its usual format but we are asking all teachers to make contact with you that week with an update on progress since students returned on 8 September. A data update with a current grade and Attitude to Learning grades will be issued to students on Monday 5 October. If you have any concerns or questions for your son/daughter's teachers the best way to contact staff is using E-Praise messaging or e-mail.

We will prioritise keeping Year 11 in school as COVID-19 cases increase, but should a Year 11 student test positive it is likely the whole Year Group will need to self-isolate for 14 days. If that happens all work will be available on Google Classroom and other commercial platforms such as GCSE Pod

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and Hegarty Maths, and will be signposted through E-Praise. We will use Facebook and Twitter to communicate any closures before e-mailed letters so please do follow us if you do not do so already.

I would like to thank all our Year 11 students for the great work ethic and mature attitude they have shown since returning to school. They have accepted the new COVID-safe procedures and made a very positive start to the year. I am sure this has not been without your support and encouragement which will be key during what is likely to be another challenging year.

I hope the school walk is able to go ahead as planned on October 2 as it will give the students a chance to maintain the tradition of walking in fancy dress, raising money for charity and having fun together. We hope to maintain as many of these events which make Year 11 a memorable year and do so much to support student wellbeing.

If you have any questions please do e-mail me or send a message via E-Praise.

Yours faithfully



Richard Harrison
Headteacher

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