

30 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware students in year 11 will sit full GCSE examinations at the end of this academic year and in preparation for these we have scheduled three sets of mock examinations. Following the first round of mock examinations in English, Maths and Science we have reviewed our assessment plan in light of a number of students in year 11 having to self-isolate due to covid last week. We have taken the decision not to run catch up mock examinations as students will have to come out of lessons and miss out on vital teaching time in the coming weeks. We hope to best prepare our students for the next full set of mocks that will take place week from week commencing Monday 29th November giving them ample time to learn key content.

Year 11 can be an exciting, as well as a stressful time for students, as they face their final exams and decisions about their future. Added to the fact that due to the recent unforeseen circumstances, it has also meant that your child has missed a period of their GCSE course, we feel it is vital that we have a package of support for your child to obtain a good set of qualifications.

In order to fully support our Year 11 students and give them the best possible chance of success in their examinations and their future, **we expect all students to attend the afterschool revision sessions that take place from 3.00 pm until 4.00 pm Monday to Friday.** By introducing this we have taken the pressure off students by offering structured revision sessions or independent learning to help prepare them for their exams.

The sessions will run in departments following the below fortnightly timetable:

	Core Week Session	Options Week Session
Monday	Geography/ History	Sports Studies, PE, French
Tuesday	English	Art, Dance, Photography, French
Wednesday	Maths	Drama, Music, EP, Business VCert
Thursday	Science	IT, Computer Science, Business
Friday		Product Design

Note: A late bus will run to Desborough every day at 4.00 pm after October half term up until February half term.

Saturday and Holiday Sessions

The academy is committed to ensuring the best outcomes for all students. For this reason, there are times throughout the year where students are invited to attend Saturday and holiday sessions. Previous students have found these sessions very beneficial and highly recommend them. Letters to parents and carers will be sent when these sessions are running, so dates and times are clear.

We hope that you will support the academy on these matters and encourage your child to take up the package of opportunities in place for a successful year. Our teachers are fully committed to supporting our students so that they can help to secure the outcomes that they desire.

Yours faithfully



Mr Baria
Senior Vice Principal



Mrs George
Year 11 Progress Leader