

10th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin the final stage of your child's GCSE journey, with only 10 school weeks to go until the GCSE exam series starts when students return after half term, we would like to draw your attention to key aspects below that will support your child to be successful.

Year 11 'Reset'

All Y11 students will be provided with a 'reset' with regards to their attendance and behaviour points. All students will therefore return to school on Monday 20th February with 100% attendance and no behaviour points. Although this will not be reflected on Go4Schools due to the tracking system over the school year, this will be tracked internally by the Year 11 team and students will be updated regularly with regards to this.

At the end of Y11 there are various events to celebrate the end of their time here; including but not limited to, Y11 Prom, a celebration assembly and an end of year trip of the year groups choosing. The Y11 Prom will be held on Wednesday 5th July at Kettering Park Hotel, this annual event is always an incredible evening where students are able to dress up and celebrate the end of Year 11.

To be able to attend these events students will be required to have attendance of 96% in the last 10 weeks leading up to exams, meaning they are only able to be absent for two days during this short period. This then needs to be maintained during the exam period. In addition students will need to ensure that they receive no more than 5 behaviour points. As above, this is following the 'reset' that all students will be provided with.

Please be aware that punctual attendance to school at 8.40am, behaviour during social times and behaviour in between lessons must also meet our expectations in order to be able to attend these events. The Academy's behaviour policy will still apply.

Rewards

We will be introducing a reward for all Y11 students beginning the first week back after half term. Each week students will be able to receive £3 towards a voucher, totalling to £30 over the 10 weeks before exams start. £1 is available for each of the following elements;

1. 0 Behaviour points that week
2. 100% attendance that week
3. 3 afterschool intervention sessions attended

At the end of the 10 weeks students will be able to opt for one of the following, up to the value that they have received.

- Up to £30 off ticket to Prom
- Up to £30 off End of Year Trip
- Up to £30 Amazon, Xbox or Tesco voucher

This will be tracked by the Y11 team, with students updated regularly as with regards to the amount of money they have currently 'earnt' towards their voucher.

GCSE Exam Information Evening – Monday 27th February at 4.30pm

To support you and your child further with their GCSEs we will be holding another information evening. Heads of Department of core subjects will be present, providing key information for how to promote success in the last stage of the journey, and in preparation for trial exams. In addition there will be key information from the Y11 team about rewards, intervention and additional support available to your child.

Revision Plans

As part of support for your child's revision, each subject has created a detailed revision plan resource. This will provide a week by week outline for the focus of classwork, homework tasks and additional resources for revision. This will provide students with guidance for their independent learning time. These will be emailed in short manageable chunks so that it is accessible. The first one of these will be revision for February half term, emailed to students today. These will also be available on the school website at: [Year 11 Revision Plans](#)

Revision Guide Loan

As part of our intervention, all students in Y11 who have not currently got revision guides for English, Maths and Science will be provided with them by us. All students will be expected to bring the relevant subject books to school every day for their lessons, this will form part of the line-up check. Staff will be utilising these in lessons to ensure that all students have additional support they need. At the end of the exam series students will be provided with information of where to drop these off to so they can be used by future students.

Afterschool Intervention

Our after-school intervention programme will continue, however there has been a slight alteration to the timetable, shown below, to support students further. The slot straight after school, from 3-4pm, will be focused on core subjects, with some options subjects holding sessions after these. These sessions will continue to take place in the department areas led by subject specialists, and take place in the departmental area. Students should be attending all these sessions weekly to ensure they are giving themselves the best chance to be successful. After half-term refreshments will be provided by school at these sessions to support students. In addition we will be holding a weekly draw where students who have attended all sessions on during that week will be entered into a draw for a £10 amazon vouchers, with 2 students each week being awarded them.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3-4pm	English	Maths	Science	History or Geography	French
4-5pm		Dance	Drama		

Trial Examinations

From Monday 6th March until Monday 20th March students will have their second, and final, set of trial examinations of Year 11. Students have already received their personalised timetable, it is vital they keep this safe and bring it to school with them daily in preparation for their exams. Their timetable will show their individual seat and length of exams, students will only be sitting exams in subjects they take.

A reminder that students should attend in full school uniform, their equipment must be in a clear pencil case (including a scientific calculator and mathematical equipment for relevant exams), and a clear water bottle. Morning exams will start promptly at 9am, with students arriving by 8.40am to line-up. Afternoon exams will start at 1pm. When students are not in an exam they will be attending their usual lessons.


In addition to a robust revision programme at home, which we would recommend should be at least an hour each evening, staff will continue to run after school intervention sessions, open to all students. At this stage of their GCSE journey, we would expect students to be attending all these sessions.

Year 11 Trial Examination Timetable

	<u>Mon 6th</u>	<u>Tues 7th</u>	<u>Wed 8th</u>	<u>Thurs 9th</u>	<u>Fri 10th</u>
AM	History Paper 2 Geography Paper 1	Combined Science Biology Paper 1 GCSE Biology Paper 1	Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1 GCSE Chemistry Paper 1	English Lit Paper 1	English Lang Paper 1
PM	French Reading GCSE Business Paper 1 NCFE Business	History Paper 1 Geography Paper 2	History Paper 3 Geography Paper 3	Combined Science Physics Paper 1 GCSE Physics Paper 1	Drama Practical Creative iMedia Practical French Writing EP Paper 1
	<u>Mon 13th</u>	<u>Tues 14th</u>	<u>Wed 15th</u>	<u>Thurs 16th</u>	<u>Fri 17th</u>
AM	English Lit Paper 2	English Lang Paper 2	Maths Paper 1	Maths Paper 2	NCFE Business Live Exam GCSE Business Paper 2 Comp Science Paper 2
PM	Combined Science Biology Paper 2 GCSE Biology Paper 2	Combined Science Chemistry Paper 2 GCSE Chemistry Paper 2	Combined Science Physics Paper 2 GCSE Physics Paper 2	GCSE PE Computer Science Paper 1 BTEC Dance Set Task	Maths Paper 3
	<u>Mon 20th</u>				
AM	Music Listening GCSE EP Paper 2 Design & Technology Health and Social Care				

As always, if you have any questions about any of the above, or you would like to discuss additional support for your child please email your student's form tutor in the first instance.

Yours faithfully



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