

15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are about to begin the final stage of your child's GCSE journey. When they return after half term there are only 9 school weeks to go until the GCSE exam series starts. 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 and a celebration assembly. The Y11 Prom will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 95% in the last 9 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 10 behaviour warnings. As above, this is following the 'reset' that all students will be provided with.

Please be aware that punctual attendance to school at 8.35am. 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**

As you know the school has recently been awarding golden tickets to students as part of our new reward system. There will be an extra raffle exclusively for year 11 students. They may choose to put their golden tickets into this raffle. The prize will be a free ticket to the Yr11 Prom. They can choose the other whole school raffles too. Year 11 students will receive a golden ticket for every after-school or holiday revision class that they attend. They will also receive between 1 and 3 ERA points depending on their level of engagement.

## Afterschool Intervention

Our after-school intervention programme will continue.

## Year 11 Evening Classes Timetable.

### Year 11 - Even Weeks – Core Subjects

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Revision and Intervention sessions 3pm - 4pm	English	Science Trilogy	Humanities History H9 Geography H1 EP H4	Maths-various maths rooms	Drop in by arrangement with teachers.
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm					
Private Study 3-4pm	LRC	LRC	LRC	LRC	LRC

### Year 11 - Odd Weeks – Option Subjects

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Revision and Intervention sessions 3pm - 4pm		French Single Science	Art DT Music Psychology H6 Photography	Business Voc.Business Comp.Science EP Food CD HSC ICT PE Sports Studies	Drop in by arrangement with teachers.
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Science Trilogy				
Private Study 3-4pm	LRC	LRC	LRC	LRC	LRC

## Half-Term Revision

There will be several revision sessions over half term. Sorry for the late notice.

Day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb
Subject	Maths	Trilogy Science	Biology and Chemistry	Geography	English
Times	9.30am-12 am	9.30am-12	10am-12am	10am-12am	10am-12am

Students who attend these sessions will need to sign in and out in the library. They will not need to wear school uniform but should hide phones away out of sight unless teachers use them as part of sessions. The expectation is students come to these classes to work hard and behave well. Students will be sent away if they waste the time of other students and staff.

There will be a set of sessions for the Easter holiday too and I will confirm these closer to the time. We are trying to have the majority of these classes in the first week. There will be a few in the second week due to staff being on the ski trip and because of Leicestershire school holidays occupying staff with childcare needs.

## Trial Examinations

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, students will have their 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 8.35am and registering with P1 teachers. Afternoon exams will start at 1pm. When students are not in an exam they will be attending their usual lessons.

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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