

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Core Subject Information Evening**

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm there will be an open evening at Montsaye Academy for Year 11 parent and carers. This event will start with an introductory talk with Mrs George and the Senior Leadership Team and follow with an opportunity to talk to the Head of English, Maths and Science regarding your child's progress and the support available.

### **Second Trial Examinations**

Our important second trial examinations will commence on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022, the first week back after February half term. As soon as the full timetable has been released, students will receive a copy in form time, and we will publish this on our school's social media and website.

This is a key opportunity for Year 11 pupils to show progress from their first trial exam results and to continue their pathway to the GCSE exams later in the year. This will be a vital second chance for those who were disappointed with their first trial exam results and a great opportunity for others to reinforce their strong grades.

As we have learned, there are no certainties to the GCSEs and therefore mocks must not be seen as anything less than vital evidence of their potential and the basis for a firm prediction.

### **Preparation and Support**

In addition to a robust revision programme at home, which we would recommend should be at least an hour each evening, staff will run preparation workshops. These are open to all pupils and will take place during our afterschool revision programme and during February half term. The workshop preparation information is attached, as well as an example revision timetable to support home study.

Link to revision topics and support for students: <https://www.montsaye.northants.sch.uk/assets/Uploads/Preparing-for-February-Mocks.pdf>

At this stage of their GCSE journey, we would expect students to be attending these sessions regularly. As a further incentive, attendance to the revision sessions will be recognised with rewards. All students have been given a loyalty card which will be signed when they attend the revision sessions, once the card is complete, they will be entered into raffle for a £20 amazon voucher.



## Summer GCSE Exams

The formal GCSE examinations will commence on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May and finish at the end of June. Parents should avoid booking holidays until after this date. Year 11 pupils will be provided with a personalised examination timetable. We will write to you regarding detailed arrangements and expectations for the GCSE examinations closer to the time of the examinations.

## End of Year Celebrations

Year 11 students have worked incredibly hard so far, this academic demonstrating incredible excellence, resilience and aspiration. We are very proud of them; their work and commitment to their GCSE studies has not gone unnoticed. We are hopeful that we will be able to host our Year 11 celebration assembly, end of year trip and prom to celebrate this achievement at the end of the academic year. The proposed date for prom is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Thank you again for your support, we are incredibly proud of Year 11 and are excited to see what they achieve this year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Francesca George  
**Year 11 Progress Leader**