

Wednesday 12th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 trial examinations

We are writing to you as we look ahead at your child's Year 11 GCSE journey at Montsaye following their first set of full trial examinations. Year 11 students have worked incredibly hard so far, this academic year demonstrating incredible excellence, resilience and aspiration. We are very proud of them; their work and commitment to their GCSE studies has not gone unnoticed. In this letter we will outline information about students reports, intervention programme on offer this half term and ways that you can support with revision in preparation for the next set of trial examinations.

Reports

The current grade reported on this latest report is based upon the most recent assessments that have been completed this academic year. In most cases these are based on the recent GCSE trial examinations sat at the end of the autumn term. The grades show how your child performed at this examination level and can be compared to their target grade. The trial examinations covered the work the students had been taught up to this point and are not necessarily a reflection of a full course and therefore the grade they would achieve in the summer examinations. (So for example a student's current grade maybe a 4 but they have a target grade of a 6). We would expect students to make progress from their current grade towards their target grade with further preparation, teaching, homework, revision, independent study and examination practice.

Intervention programme

The intervention programme will continue as it did last term with a two-week timetable, alternating between core and options subjects. At this stage of their Year 11 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.

Please see below the two-week timetable:

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| WC Jan 10 th | Core subjects |
| WC Jan 17 th | Options subjects |
| WC Jan 24 th | Core subjects |
| WC Jan 31 st | Options subjects |
| WC Feb 7 th | Core subjects |

Core week:

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| Monday | Geography/ History |
| Tuesday | English |
| Wednesday | Maths |
| Thursday | Science |

Options week:

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| Monday | Option B Sports Studies, PE, French |
| Tuesday | Option A Art, Dance, Photography, French |
| Wednesday | Option C Drama, Music, EP, Business VCert, |
| Thursday | IT, Computer Science, Business |
| Friday | Product Design |

Trial Examinations

The next full set of trial examinations for Year 11 will take place the week commencing 21st February 2022. It is crucial that all Year 11 students see this time as one of great importance. I will be communicating this within assembly this week that mock examinations are a diagnostic tool in which both teachers and students alike can identify areas for development to ensure success in the summer.

In addition to classroom sessions, we encourage students to complete independent revision. Students have been and will continue to explore different techniques and study skills as part of their form time provision. Attached to the end of this letter is an example revision timetable that may support you and your child with their home study.

If you have any questions around anything mentioned in this letter please email your child’s form tutor or their subject teacher. Staff members emails are the [first initial of their first name + surname @montsaye.northants.sch.uk] e.g. fgeorge@montsaye.northants.sch.uk .Thank you again for your support, we are incredibly proud of Year 11 and are excited to see what they achieve this year.

If you have any questions please contact your child’s form tutor in the first instance.

Kind regards,



Mrs Francesca George

Head of Year 11