



31st January 2020

Dear Year 11 Parents,

As we approach the February half term, please find below some useful information and dates regarding events for Year 11 for the build up to the mock exams, summer exams and beyond.

February/March Mocks

Please find attached a copy of the exam timetable for the February/March Mock exams. The exams start on Monday 24th February which is the first Monday back after half term. We expect students to build on the work they did for the December mocks in terms of revision. We currently have revision sessions running every night after school and students have been provided with past paper packs and specific revision guides and workbooks within specific subjects. Students must attend all relevant revision sessions afterschool and work independently at home to enable them to achieve the best possible grade. This will be the last opportunity for students to experience the conditions of an exam so it is important they feel prepared.

GCSE Exams

The main bulk of GCSE exams start on Monday 11th May and finish on Tuesday 23rd June. Some students will be sitting practical exams before this for subjects including Art, Drama and MFL which will be confirmed after the Easter break. Attached is a schedule for all GCSE exams running this year. Please note that Wednesday 24th June is a national contingency day for all GCSE exams. Please make sure that your son/daughter is available to attend all of their exams until this date. The GCSE results will be published on Thursday 20th August and will be available from 9am – 1pm.

Independent revision

Currently we have a wide range of support on offer to all Year 11 students to help them prepare for the exam period. Many of our students are taking the opportunity to involve themselves in these sessions and it was great to see so many of you at the revision evening held earlier this term. If you were unable to attend the link to the powerpoint shared on the evening is below:

<https://goffs.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/Yr11-Revision-evening-14.1.20.pdf?t=1579854029?ts=1579854029>

Study Leave pathways

During the exam period all of our Year 11 students will be allocated a study pathway. The details of the three pathways are below:

Pathway 1	Pathway 2	Pathway 3
Students will be given full study leave from May 11 th and will only be expected to be in school for their exams.	Students will be expected to attend relevant intervention sessions as mapped out by the school and exams throughout the exam period. Between times they will be allowed to return home.	Students will be expected to stay on school site for all lessons, intervention and exams throughout the exam period. (8.27am – 3pm)



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To enable us to work with the students and you as parents we will use the current guidelines to decide which pathway each student will be on:

- Attendance at afterschool and holiday revision sessions
- Progress in attainment in line with school target grades
- Progress and results in February and March mocks in comparison to the December Mocks
- Subject staff input
- Parental permission
- Evidence of a personalised revision schedule.
- Behaviour expectations both inside and outside school

We aim to allocate each student in Year 11 an individual pathway by Monday 20th April so each student is fully prepared before Monday 11th May.

School Prom

As I am sure you are aware the details for the Year 11 are Friday 26th June at Hatfield House, Old Riding School at 7pm. If your son/daughter still has not purchased their ticket they are available on Wise pay for £55.

We would like this to be a memorable, fun and safe evening for our students therefore the school reserves the right to remove a student's right to attend the Prom at any point up to and including the day of the Prom if there are any concerns regarding their behaviour. Our behaviour expectations apply both inside and outside of school, if any student is involved in anti-social behaviour or behaviour which brings the school into disrepute outside of the school, we will remove their right to attend the Prom. If your child is removed all monies paid would be non-refundable. In signing up to the Prom, parents/carers confirm that they have read, understood and agree to this.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Year 11 Team on the email addresses or via the school phone number 01992 424200.

Yours faithfully

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