

Dear Parents/ Carers,


This week Year 11 have been taking part in a series of assemblies and activities designed to support them with their revision in preparation for their second round of mock exams in February and ultimately for their GCSEs in the summer.

We have focused on different revision strategies: for example, Dr Bell has showed them how to use Flashcards using the Leitner method; Mrs Wright has supported them to create revision resources using 'blind mindmapping' and some of our sixth formers have discussed how they were successful at GCSE sharing tips and strategies.

As well as supporting them with revision the students have had a workshop from Mrs Nowell on dealing with exam stress and Mr Watkins has delivered an assembly on the importance of sleep.

All of the resources from the week can be found on the Google Classroom 'Year 11 Revision' (code zckcha2) which all of Year 11 can access. As well as the presentations and assemblies from the week, each student has an electronic revision timetable which I have prepopulated with key dates, GCSE exams and results day. There is also a list of topics for each subject so that they know what to revise. All students have been shown on Monday how to create their own bespoke timetable which they are then encouraged to share with parents/ carers so that they can monitor revision and take an active interest in revision.

JANUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
REVISION WEEK						
Biology & English Lit	Mandarin & Computing	Maths Intervention & Chemistry	Science Intervention & Geography	English Intervention & Physics	Business	Day Off
14 Biology & English Lit	15 Mandarin & Computing	16 Maths Intervention & Chemistry	17 Science Intervention & Geography	18 English Intervention & Physics	19 Business	20 Day Off
21 Biology & English Lit	22 Mandarin & Computing	23 Maths Intervention & Chemistry	24 Science Intervention & Geography	25 English Intervention & Physics	26 Business	27 Day Off
28	29	30	31			
Chinese Speaking Mocks						
Biology & English Lit	Mandarin & Computing	Maths Intervention & Chemistry	Science Intervention & Geography			



In the assembly on Monday, I discussed the importance of revision being 'little and often' with 40-minute chunks on a daily basis, one day off per week to rest and relax and building in time for sports and hobbies. This is a far more effective way of revising than last minute cramming and enables students to be more prepared for their exams.

There are after school revision classes running after school too in most subjects to support students with their revision e.g. PE Monday, Maths Tuesday, Science and MFL Wednesday and English Thursday, some students have been invited along to attend these but all students are welcome.

Please do ask your son/daughter to share with you what they have been doing this week and testing them on their flashcards, or supporting them to learn their speaking exam responses is a great way to support them with their revision.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or need any advice.

Kind Regards

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