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Dear Parent/Carer

12th May 2015



I am writing to outline how very impressed we have been with our Year 11 students since the Easter break and in particular their commitment to lessons, revision sessions and most recently, the start of their GCSE exams. This is such a crucial time for them where a mature, responsible approach combined with thorough preparation is key to their success. Please pass on our sincerest thanks to them and of course, encourage them to continue in this vein.



Further to my letter dated 26th March, the year 11 students have started their 'reducing timetable'. As they complete each examination course, including final submission of coursework and /or the taking of the final exams, they need not attend those specific lessons. They will not be required to attend tutorial either although they must sign in and out of the College at reception every day.



It is absolutely essential however that all students continue to attend each and every lesson for the courses that they have not yet completed. Student's absence from such lessons will be detrimental to their success and we will communicate any absence to you unless a medical or other reason has been received. Students failing to meet this expectation will have their 'reducing timetable' withdrawn and they will be expected to return to their full timetable.



If your child has no timetabled lesson P1 they may choose to revise at home and similarly they may leave college early on some days. We will always provide a supervised working area, mirroring the timetable so that students can revise in college all day if that is better suited to their needs. We would ask that you discuss these options with your child to ensure that they make the best decisions about where they should study. Be assured that we will continue to do everything possible to support and encourage your child to prepare effectively for each exam.



In addition to lessons continuing for courses yet to be completed, we have also re-timetabled specialist staff to provide extra Maths and Science revision sessions on offer in ED3 every lesson!



I would also like to take the opportunity to highlight a number of key opportunities that are available to students over half term to compliment the on-going programme



of weekly revision sessions. A number of departments and staff will be hosting subject specific sessions over the half term as follows;

- Monday 25th May, 10am – 3pm – English
- Tuesday 26th May, 9am – 3pm – Geography
- Tuesday 26th May, 9.30am – 1pm – History
- Wednesday 27th May, 9.30am – 1pm – History
- Thursday 28th May, 10am – 3pm – Maths

These are such fantastic opportunities for students and I would like to encourage as many students as possible to attend in addition to undertaking their own personal revision. I would also like to thank the many staff who are giving up their own time to facilitate these sessions on behalf of the students. If students do wish to attend please can they liaise directly with their subject teacher, ideally in advance of the session.

Our Leavers' Assembly takes place during p5 on Friday 22nd May and all students are encouraged to attend this celebration of their years with us. Refreshments will be provided afterwards so that students and staff can wish each other their goodbye.

We of course will look forward to seeing our year 11 students on results day, Thursday 20th August from 11am-2pm when we will be able to celebrate the successes achieved as a result of the hard work that they are investing now. Staff will also be available to support transition arrangements in line with qualifications achieved.

As always, we wish our students all the very best during the exam period and we continue to offer any and all support we can. If you have any questions about these current arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Holt
Principal