

Opportunities for GCSE Exam Preparation

Successful Exam Preparation = Exam Success

Dear Parents

January 2016

We are running examination preparation classes during lunchtimes and after school from the beginning of this term in order to help maximise every pupil's opportunity to succeed. Ownership of their own learning outside of the classroom is a key way for pupils to be exam ready. Please find the schedule attached.

In addition to attending examination preparation classes it is strongly advised that pupils prepare at home using a range of techniques including the following:

- Answering questions from past GCSE examination papers and marking them using the GCSE mark scheme. These are available on Moodle for most subjects. Each year's exam paper is not a new invention, it is an established approach which can become more familiar with such preparation.
- Making and consolidating notes from revision guides. Please note simply reading notes is a very ineffective method for revision by most pupils.
- Using revision resources recommended by their teachers, normally available on Moodle.

For those of you who would like me to quantify preparation time I would advise, as a guide only, 3 to 4 months of preparation leading up to the final GCSE examinations and 10 hours of preparation per week (with the internet and any other distractions switched off).

We will also be holding a revision workshop day for pupils on Friday 12th February which will cover revision planning and techniques for core subjects.

For those pupils who need further incentives to attend examination preparation classes staff will be awarding five achievement points for each class attended. The expectation is that Year 11 pupils will need to achieve an additional number of achievement points (specific number yet to be set) in order to take part in the end of term celebrations and to take part in the school's Prom.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Langdown - Year 11 Co-ordinator



Year 11 GCSE Examination Preparation Workshops

Spring Term 2016 and Summer Term 2016

<i>Day</i>	Lunchtime		After School	
	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Time</i>
Monday	Religious Studies (Starting in February) bring your lunch! D+T Graphic Products	1.30 — 2.10	PE (staff meetings permitting) English	3.30 — 4.30 3.30 — 4.30
Tuesday	Geography PW PE R24	1.30 — 2.10	Electronic Products Science	3.30 — 4.30 3.30 — 4.30
Wednesday	Geography TB + ICT Science	1.30 — 2.00	Computing Religious Studies (starting in February)	3.30 — 4.30 3.30 — 4.30
Thursday	French & German D+T Resistant Materials		French & German Religious Studies (starting in February) Mathematics	3.30 — 4.30 3.30 — 4.30 3.30 — 4.30
Friday			Geography TB	3.30 — 5pm