

## Year 11 Parent Notes

Friday marked the end of the Winter exams marathon. Many of the students have found the experience demanding, exhausting, but those students I have spoken to, agree it has been worthwhile going through. During this weekend, while teachers are marking the exam papers, students will have the chance now to decompress for a few days and recharge their batteries.

### Study Skills

I hope that over the course of the last two weeks, you have seen your son/daughter committed to their next steps; one who has their eye on the prize, and who is getting ready for the rest of Year 11.

From Monday, we need to evaluate how effective study strategies were and if we want to replicate that process for the Summer exams or adopt a new method. We will be running workshops for students in Spring term to show them how to revise in ways that have worked for others in the past. It is up to them to decide which strategy will work best.

### Year 11 Progress Review Evening - Wednesday 20 December (4.30pm – 7.30pm)

Appointments for Progress Review Evening can start being made from Monday. Please talk to your son/daughter about subjects in which they are doing well and those where there is more challenge.

We recommend you see any subject where your child feels they may be a grade away from their benchmark. We also highly recommend you see English and Maths teachers, and any other subject, which has started a new specification and is using the new grading criteria. Start the conversation now with your son/daughter: who would we like to see that evening? What subject is a concern? What subject are they doing really well in? Often strategies used in classes where your child is successful can be transferred to other classes where he or she isn't seeing so much progress. Plan ahead and ask your son/daughter to make the appointments as soon as possible.

### Sixth Form Taster Lessons

Mr Bennett, Head of Sixth Form, has made sixth form lessons available for Year 11 students, who would like to join our sixth form next year.

Students will be asked to submit their top three choices and, depending on availability, spaces will be allocated. Sign-up sheets will be placed outside the Library and the sixth form common room. Students are asked to rank their top three choices. If all three can't be timetabled, Mr Bennett will endeavour to schedule the top choice.

### Autumn B Period 6

Day	Subject	Room	Staff
Monday	Humanities	F23	APH
Tuesday	Science	S1	GMG
Wednesday	Creative Arts	Various	KLS
Thursday	English	H1	CPR
Friday	Computing/IT	IT3	LTU

### School Show

The school show 'Anything Goes' will be running every evening at 7pm in the Main Hall from Tuesday 5 December – Saturday 9 December (with a 1.30pm matinee on the Saturday). Tickets are available from the finance office at £5.50 for students or any under 16s and £7.50 for adults (exact cash or cheques please). We would be delighted to see you and your friends and family. Spread the word and get your tickets!

Finally, a reminder that the next guest speaker for Future Friday will be Zak Tait, ex-Oxted School Head Boy, on Friday 8 December. Zak will be talking about his time at Oxford University as a medical student and his work at the John Radcliffe Hospital and also his work with the charity 'Future Fertility Trust'. If your son/daughter is interested in attending this talk, please ask them to sign up via their tutor.

Best wishes for a very good weekend

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