

19th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to advise you of the **next steps** for your child at this very important stage of their education.

Mock Examinations and Preparation for Final Examinations

We are very **proud** of the conduct and work ethic of year 11 pupils in the lead up to the recent mock examinations. We have had many discussions with them, reflecting on the process and the challenge that faces pupils over the next few months.

Many pupils have commented that they wished that they had started their preparation **earlier**, having **underestimated** the amount of content needing to be studied for at least 9 subjects. Therefore, I have attached a **Revision Guidance Booklet** to this letter and I ask for your support in ensuring that effective study at home continues to take place. Please take the time to **go through the document** with your child and support them with implementing regular study routines at home. The Christmas holidays and other upcoming holidays are a **fantastic opportunity** for pupils to be completing revision in order that they are in a great position to succeed to their potential. A reminder that it is our expectations that all year 11 pupils are strictly following a revision timetable.

There will be a Parents Evening on Tuesday 7th February 2023. The next set of mock examinations are in six school weeks, beginning on 20th February 2023.

We will continue to support all pupils with intervention sessions at lunch time and after school. There will also be a mentoring programme in place to support those pupils who we feel would benefit from further monitoring, advice and guidance.

College and Sixth Form Applications

Pupils should now have a clear idea about the next stage of their education. **The application deadlines for all institutions are approaching**, with the first deadlines being in early January. Your child should now be making their applications to college or sixth form.

We would advise that all pupils make several applications to keep as many options open as possible. Most institutions will require pupils to have written a **personal statement**. This would either form part of the application or interview process. Attached to this letter are **step by step instructions** for your child to work through the process of writing a high-quality personal statement. We have also attached a writing frame and suggested structure.

We are writing to ask for your support in ensuring that your child is crafting their personal statement and completing professional applications over the next few weeks.

Letter to all Pupils from the Government

Finally, we would like to draw your attention to the attached letter to all pupils from the Government. This explains how the Department for Education has considered the impact of the pandemic when thinking about planning for the sitting of the GCSE/BTEC/CNAT examinations in 2023 and the resulting awarding of grades.

Wishing you and your family a peaceful break, with our best wishes for 2023.

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