

Wednesday 17th January 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

Re: Year 11 Study Skills Evening and Mock Examination Results- Wednesday 24th January 4-530pm

As you are aware, students in Year 11 took their mock exams before the Christmas Holiday and are now working towards their final GCSE and vocational exams that will be held in all subjects in May and June of this year. I am sure that your child has been discussing with you how their mock exams went and many of them are excited and apprehensive about their results and current grades. Similarly, there has been a real shift in mentality for all Year 11 students who are focusing on revision and preparation for the 'real thing' in May and June.

We are happy to let you know that the Academy will be hosting a Year 11 Study Skills Evening for students and parents/carers, on Wednesday 24th January between 4 and 530pm. This evening is an opportunity for parents/carers and students to come to the Academy and discuss mock exams, revision strategies, textbooks, revision classes and post-16/careers opportunities. The evening will provide parents/carers and students with a greater understanding of how to prepare for the summer examinations and what support we can offer. Additionally, this is where students and parents will be able to collect their mock examination results, which will be given out formally, from the West Hall and Canteen, on the evening.

The event will be held in the CBB building where various rooms will be set up for different activities:

- A short, 10-minute presentation about the importance of Year 11 and how best to prepare for the coming examinations.
- Revision 'stalls' for all subjects giving revision advice, holding small one-to-one conversations with parents/carers and students about how to revise for their subject.
- A careers room will be set up in the Drama Studio with local Colleges and Universities as well as careers and employment providers.
- 15-minute mini-teaches of revision strategies in general or specific to key subject
- A refreshment room will be available for parents/carers to chat to members of staff.

Students will be expected to bring a parent/carer with them on the evening and all will arrive at the West Hall at 4pm, 430 or 5pm, where they will see a presentation from Mr Greaves and Mrs Devey and will then move onto the CBB where they will sign in and achieve their first stamp for attendance and be given a stamp card. This will be required to gain 'stamps' from revision sessions and stalls around the CBB. When the stamp card has been completed, students will then be able to return to the Canteen where they can collect their mock examination results. Unless students/parents visit the revision and preparation sessions, they

will not be able to collect their results and these will need to be collected, from reception, by parents/carers at a later date.

We think that this will be a very important part in our attempts to help your children to achieve the best possible examination outcomes and, even if you are unable to attend, it is integral that your child attends. As a result, we have made this evening earlier so that it follows your child's Period 6 studies. I hope that you will be able to attend and take advantage of the opportunity to support your child in their learning.

If you have any questions about the evening, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Devey at the Academy.

Kind Regards,



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