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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

Happy new year! Here we are at the beginning of another year, with all the promise and hope that brings. The Autumn term was a busy one in school and the forthcoming Spring term looks to be equally busy for all year groups, but especially year 11, so the first part of this letter focuses on them.

The countdown to GCSE exams continues. In school we have been working closely with students on helping them to work out how they best revise as well as on developing their exam technique. The second set of mock exams, which start on Monday 13th January, will allow them to put this into practice. Following the mock exams all homework set for year 11 students should be linked to revision. Students will receive homework for three subjects per evening with a suggested completion time of 30 minutes each. This should mean that students will not feel overwhelmed and will still have time to complete independent revision in addition to that being specified.

Detailed guidance will be provided on Show My Homework so that students know what they need to do. The homework timetable for year 11 timetable is as follows:

Monday	Option B	Option C	Option D
Tuesday	Option A	Option E	Science
Wednesday	Maths	Science	English
Thursday	Option D	Option E	Science
Friday	Free night		
Saturday	English	Option B	Option C
Sunday	Maths	Science	Option A

In addition, there are regular sessions planned in school to support year 11 with further study and they are welcome to attend as many of these as they wish. These can be found on the next page. I must stress that GCSEs are demanding. Many students fall into a trap of thinking that attending sessions in school is sufficient to get them to the point they need to be at to achieve high performance. This is simply not the



case and work needs to take place at home during the evening and weekends to ensure that knowledge and understanding is embedded. Parents/ carers have a crucial role to play in this, supporting in a variety of ways. You can find various strategies in our weekly newsletter, which is running a revision strategies feature each week for the next few weeks.

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	All Computer science – JMY/MAH – room 21	Maths – EHD – Room 24 Computer Science – MAH – Room 23 English – CMY – Room 35 English – SKR – Room 40	Child Development - SBS – H4 BTEC Acting/Dance - SBS– H4 All Computer science – JMY – Room 21
Tuesday		Triple Chemistry – SCN – Lab 4 Biology – NCO – Lab 3 English – CMY – Room 35 Chemistry H – KCN – Lab 5 English – SKR – Room 40	English – DMN – Room 38 Maths – SFN – Room 25 All History – JPH – Room 9 English – NCY – Room 35 Maths – CLY – Room 26 Geography – DES – Room 10 Chemistry H – KCN – Lab 5 Maths – PGR – Room 27 Food Tech – SBN – Room 8
Wednesday	Higher Paper Maths – DWK – Lab 2	Chemistry – SWH – Lab 6 English – CMY – Room 35 English – SKR – Room 40	RE– ABW – Room 34 All History – JPH – Room 9 Chemistry – SWH – Lab 6 Geography – JWN – Room 13 English – SKR – Room 40
Thursday	Triple Biology –SMD – Lab 4 Triple Biology – SEL – Lab 0	Triple Biology – SEL – Lab 0 Maths – CLY – Room 26 English – CMY – Room 35 Chemistry F – KCN – Lab 5	Child Development – SBS – H4 BTEC Acting/Dance – SBS – H4 English – NCY – Room 35 Triple Biology – SEL – Lab 0 Maths – HES – Room 28 Creative Imedia – MAH – Room 22 Geography – PWE – Room 16
Friday	Physics – CWS – Lab 1	English – CMY – Room 35 Physics – CWS – Lab 1 Physics – NCO – Lab 3 Textiles – ABH – IN2	

This term sees a number of parent events which I hope you are able to attend if appropriate:

Spring Term Events		
Thursday 30 th January	6.00 – 8.00 pm	Year 9 Options Evening
Wednesday 5 th February	5.15 – 6.00 pm	Year 11 Mock Exam Results
Thursday 13 th February	4.00 – 7.00 pm	Y11 Parents Evening
Thursday 26 th March	4.00 – 7.00 pm	BTEC Performing Arts Showcase
Thursday 2 nd April	4.00 – 7.00 pm	Year 10 Parents Evening
Thursday 30 th April	4.00 – 7.00 pm	Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 7 th May	4.00 – 7.00 pm	Year 7 Parents Evening
Friday 8 th May	May Day Bank Holiday ** please note that has been changed nationally for this year only and was originally due to be held on Monday 4 th May**	

At the end of the Autumn term letter, I brought you up to date with staffing, but I have one further piece of news to share with you, which is that Miss McClelland and Mr Unwin welcomed the safe arrival of their baby at the end of December, a little boy. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Asquith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Miss S Asquith
Headteacher