



Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy



10 October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

We appreciate that this is an incredibly busy year for both you and your child as the GCSE examinations are fast approaching and decisions are being made regarding next steps after school. Naturally, we welcome your ongoing support and will endeavour to make the coming months as manageable as possible. Below is a brief expansion of that and a summary of a number of key dates for your diaries.

Well-being for your child

We are fully committed to the well-being of all of our students in Year 11 as they prepare for their mock exams and then move into the final stage of their time at Bishop Rawstorne, completing the curriculum, revision and then the final examinations. We will help them to manage their workload, revision sessions after school, private revision planning for home and homework, so as to enhance their outcomes for next year. From previous years' experience and feedback from our students, the key barriers to attainment are poor organisation, insufficient sleep and the lack of a suitable area for quiet revision and homework. Further, whilst we know that some students have jobs at the weekend, we are aware that this needs to be balanced so that the pressures of school life, which will be on-going through to the summer and the demands of a part-time job, do not become overwhelming. It is essential that wherever issues arise that are of concern, we will communicate with you and we need you to communicate with us.

Mock Examinations: 11 November – 29 November

We would be grateful if you could remind students to prepare for these examinations using the range of revision strategies that have been recommended – a link to which can be found on our website under the parents' section, 'Exam Prep and Revision'. We would also encourage them to complete a revision timetable. An example is also provided under this link and entitled, 'Revision Aid.'

Students have been provided with guidance and support so should **always** have revision to complete in the absence of any homework tasks.

Parents' Information Evening-December 2019 TBC

We are finalising the date for a Parents' Information Evening regarding moving on to colleges and apprenticeships. Runshaw College and ASK apprenticeships will be in school just before Christmas to deliver an informal presentation on how your child can access the opportunities offered by these different academic routes. One of our Assistant Headteachers, Mr Duckworth, will also explain the final stages of the careers' process in school and explain how to prepare for future destinations beyond Bishop Rawstorne.

Parents' Evening: 16 January 2020

We strongly encourage you to attend this evening, as valuable feedback will be provided regarding your child's attainment and future targets identified from the mock examinations. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Head of Year, Mrs Anglim, who will endeavour to collect the relevant information for your child.

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Exam Revision Guidance for Parents: 6 – 7pm, Thursday 23 January 2020

The exam preparation company, Elevate, will be in school to share strategies that parents can use to support their child with the most effective ways to revise and maintain a healthy work/life balance during the lead up to their final exams.

At this vital stage of your child's education at secondary school it is so important that we work together to provide as much support as we possibly can. If you have any queries regarding these dates or any further ways you feel we could support as a school, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C Lane".

Mrs C Lane
Assistant Headteacher, Pastoral