

Information for Year 11 Parents

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have all had a lovely break and a ready for the last term of the academic year. This is of course an extremely important half term for our year 11 students as the main GCSE exams start in a few weeks.

The first exams are at the end of April with the French speaking and Art exams. The main written examinations start w/b 6th May with Religious Studies on Thursday 9th May and Biology on Friday 10th May.

It is important that we all work together to help students through these next few weeks. There are many things that can be done at home such as:

- Ensuring there is a quiet space for students to revise
- Ensure that students are eating a healthy diet. Energy drinks and fizzy pop are among the worst drinks students can be consuming
- Ensuring that students are getting eight hours of uninterrupted sleep per night (including weekends)
- Providing students with stationery and other materials they need to revise
- Access to the internet so that they can log in to revision websites and past papers
- Ensuring students are in all day every day from 8.35am

We have developed a website that students can access with lots of helpful advice on revising and how to properly prepare for the exams. It can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/fcat.org.uk/aspire-be-exam-ready>

We will shortly be releasing a quick revision guide containing all the revision websites our students will need to help them prepare for each of their subjects.

In January we communicated to parents/carers certain conditions that students needed to meet in order to attend the prom. The students have been reminded of these conditions on numerous occasions since then. The conditions were:

- 95% Attendance to school from Monday 8th January
- No suspensions from Monday 8th January
- Only 1 C5 from Monday 8th January
- Only 2 C4s from Monday 8th January
- Do not miss any of the exams
- No more than two lates to school. Three lates and they will not attend prom

The conditions for attending the prom will not change and those students who have met the criteria will be eligible to go. Staff at school are happy to meet parents and carers about student progress and how to prepare our learners so that they can achieve the best that they can in the exams. We are eager to work together with parent and carers to ensure that students leave in the summer with the grades that they deserve. We do not however have the capacity to discuss the prom with parents/carers. The reward for our students will be the excellent grades that they can achieve by working hard over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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