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Dear Parents,

## Year 11 Update

### Parents Evening

Usually at this time of year we would be writing to you to invite you to a Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening, which was originally scheduled for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions in place it is with regret that we have had to postpone the evening. Please be reassured that we are looking at possible ways to hold a consultation evening next term.

The main purpose of this evening was for you to share with us any feedback you have had from your son/daughter as to how they have settled back into school life since lockdown and for us to give verbal feedback as to how they have approached their studies since upon their return. In the absence of us being unable to meet face to face, I can confirm that you will still receive a paper-based report before half term detailing the engagement in learning that your son/daughter has displayed in each of their subject areas.

### Home Learning

As a school we are fully aware that home learning has been difficult for some students and since their return we have taken the time to gather feedback from all students to find out just how we can continue to support them. It is important that our students are not only confident in their ability to work independently, should they face another period of studying from home, but they also need to have the life skills in order to become resilient and determined young adults, whilst having the confidence to reach out for support.

### Pastoral and Academic Support

With this in mind I would like to update you with the pastoral support and academic support offered to our students in this first half term:

- A personal tutor that is a senior member of staff.
- During tutor times students have received support with ClassCharts log ins to ensure all students are encouraged to be accessing their class and homework regularly, this is monitored on a weekly basis.
- Introduction to the Google Classroom platform that will allow subject staff to share resources, lessons and learning activities electronically.
- Weekly assemblies focused specifically on year 11 study skills and routines to enable them to work to the best of their ability.
- A comprehensive PSHCE Day programme which offers virtual opportunities to explore Post 16 Colleges, support in online applications and writing personal statements.
- A personal appointment with their House Progress Leaders to discuss any academic issues they may be experiencing.



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- In lessons, teachers have been working hard to get to know our students and identify gaps in learning and planning accordingly.
- All classwork is posted on ClassCharts every day to ensure it is accessible to all students, should they be absent from school.

## Revision Materials

We have also been asked by some students and parents if we could recommend any supplementary revision guides or materials that they could purchase to further support their son/daughter and prepare for any potential home learning periods. We have compiled a table of resources that contains the ISBN of the revision resources and texts recommended by the subject leaders which can be found on our website via the following link - <https://burscoughprioryacademy.org/parents/letters-home>.

These resources can be purchased via our online cashless system between **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** or you can search and order the resources online and in shops.

## GCSE Examinations

We are currently preparing your son/daughter to sit their GCSE exams in the summer term of 2021 and normally this process would include two sets of Pre-Public Examination (PPE) that take place in December and March under exam conditions and regulations to replicate the real experience. In order to maximise curriculum time and ensure that any PPE's reflect the content covered in lessons and thoroughly revised by your son/daughter we have scheduled these PPE's to take place over a two-week period starting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We continue as a matter of course to assess students regularly and appropriately within lessons to ensure that we can maximise their learning and be as prepared for their GCSE's in whatever form they occur.

If you have any questions please feel free to raise them by emailing [enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org) and we can ensure that it is dealt with by the relevant member of our team.

Yours sincerely,

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