



# Montgomery Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

After the Christmas break, the compulsory period 6 sessions for English, maths and science will begin on Mondays and Tuesdays starting in the second week. You were informed about these in a letter back in October. For English and maths the students will need to complete a set homework piece each week to avoid having to stay. In science a small group of students will be selected to stay each week. Details are below. With the set homework pieces in English and maths the students are to try their best without copying from mark schemes or using AI to help. We need to see what they know and what they can do in order to help them progress. They are then entirely able to keep themselves out of the compulsory sessions. Teams will run voluntary intervention sessions also on these nights for students that wish to attend. We ran a similar scheme last year and they produced the best outcomes for a number of years in these subjects. We want that again for your son or daughter.

## English

Over Christmas, students will be given an English Language C2 reading section of a past paper to complete. Students are to try their best on this paper, spending one hour on it like they would in the exam (those with extra-time need to spend 1 hour 20 minutes). They must attempt all of the 6 reading questions and have been given a support sheet to guide them. The deadline for this homework is **Thursday 8th January**. Parents of students who have been absent or not handed their paper in by Friday 9th January will receive a message stating they will be in "Period 6 on Monday 12th January from 3pm-4pm". During this hour, they will be able to complete the paper supported by an English teacher.

Following this, students will be set weekly homework. Students must hand their homework in to their English teacher every Thursday in lesson. Any outstanding homework will be chased up on Friday during form time at the Year 11 office (Population A) and in English lesson 3 (Population B) but will be marked as late. Again, if your child hasn't completed the homework by then, you will receive a message on the Friday afternoon stating they will be in Period 6 on the following Monday from 3pm-4pm. Failure to hand in homework or handing homework in late will affect their effort grades.

## Maths

Students will be set a past paper over the Holidays which will be due to be handed in on **Friday 9th January**. They will then be set a paper each Friday which will be due the following Friday. Students are to try their best on this paper spending at least an hour on it. We will chase up on the Monday, anyone who has been absent or not handed their paper in on the Friday. If they do not have their completed paper you will receive a message on the Monday afternoon stating they will be in Period 6 on Tuesday night from 3pm-4pm. During this hour at the end of school they will be able to complete the paper supported by a maths teacher.

## Science

In science we will be selecting 20-25 students who are very close to, but not quite achieving either a 4-4 or a 5-5 to attend a compulsory period 6 session on a Tuesday. We will select students that we believe we can make a real impact with. The purpose will be to support students in a positive learning environment where they can maximise their potential and hopefully achieve those grades in the final GCSE exams. We want all

students to be successful so we will welcome any additional students who wish to attend (unless they are in P6 maths) as long as they have the right attitude for learning and engage in the session.

All of these strategies are to support your son or daughter in their final months with us.

We are also continuing with the STOP THE DROP initiative where your son/daughter can earn stickers by attending non-core interventions leading to a £60 reward by the time they begin their exams. In order to “stop the drop” they will need to have attended 6 non-core after school sessions by Christmas to stop their reward dropping by £10 to £50 (and so on). They need to have “banked” their first six stickers by the end of the first week back to keep their balance at £60. They need to look after their card carefully as we will not be responsible for lost cards. At the end of a session students will be issued with the relevant subject sticker, assuming they have been well behaved and attentive throughout.

I have included with this letter a copy of the new intervention timetable – Monday and Tuesday after school are now reserved for English, Maths and Science. All sessions finish by 4pm. They will still have their whole evening for their other revision / hobbies / jobs etc.

I trust you will support us to help your son/daughter in achieving their best possible outcomes this summer, please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further,

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for Christmas and a very happy and successful 2026,  
Best wishes



Mrs Montgomery  
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