

4 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 11 Updates

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to give you my fortnightly update on all Year 11 matters as we are now only 8 school weeks away from the summer GCSE exam series.

Firstly, I would like to say a big well done to all our GCSE Food students who completed their practical exams last week, both Miss. Reay and Mr. Marshall were very impressed with the efforts of all the candidates.

You will all be aware that the second mock exam period starts today and will run until the end of the day on Monday 11 March 2024 for all students. On Tuesday 12 March, there will be exams for students that are taking the vocational qualifications, CNAT IMedia and CNAT Health & Social Care. During the mock exam period, the only interventions taking place will be in the practical subjects, Art, Textiles and Graphics, this will allow students to concentrate on their own revision without the pressure of also attending all the academy sessions.

As there will be little time between these exams and the actual GCSE exams, we will be sharing results with the students at the earliest opportunity in all subject areas, there will be no set results day as in November. The results from these exams will be used to invite students to the Easter Support Program. The program will be shared with you shortly, and again, we ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends if they are invited.

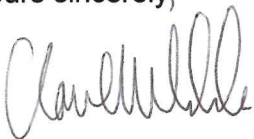
Some parents have been asking for advice on how to support their children at home with their revision. We have started to upload to the academy website and to our social media, a short weekly video called 'Technique-A-Week'. These are short 1-to-2-minute videos explaining simple revision techniques that you could try with your child.

In response to the request from several of our Year 11 students we are providing refreshments and a quiet place to revise in the library (LRC) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings between 3.30pm – 4.30pm. This is open to any students who wish to take up the opportunity. If students want any support with planning their revision timetables, then staff will help them to do this during these times also.

I hope this information has been useful to you. If you want to find out more, please use the academy website and from the homepage, use the 'Parents' tab. From here, click on the 'Y11 Parental Information' link and you will be taken to all the relevant information you need in one place.

Finally, if you do have a spare moment, please would you consider completing the Parental Questionnaire that can also be found from the parents' link.

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs. Clare Humble**  
Headteacher

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