



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

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Dear Parent / Carer

You might recall that at your child's Year 11 Guidance evening appointment, your child's mentor spoke about the support that would be provided to help your son or daughter reach their potential in their GCSE exams.

Key Dates:

The support started prior to the mock exams when pupils were taught how to revise, encouraged to get organised and to follow a schedule of revision at home. On the whole, pupils conducted themselves extremely well during the exam period and they will have received mock exam results from their class teachers in the run up to the Christmas holidays. These results are issued to parents on **16 January 2023** and you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's results with his/her teachers on **19 January 2023** at **Parents' Evening**.

Teachers analysed the results of their Year 11 classes in the period between marking their exam papers and the new year, so that pupils who need specific support in some areas have been identified and the next period of support can begin.

Not everyone needs support

If your child is working to the expected standard at this point in the school year, they do not need extra support. However, it might be that your son/daughter has struggled in certain areas and a programme of extra lessons after school has been created. Please support your child's progress by ensuring that they attend the sessions that are required.

The schedule is as follows:-

Dept	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Core	Science	English	Maths	RE	
Option	Drama	PE / Art	Hist / Geog	Tech / IT	PE / Tech

The Music and MFL departments run a more bespoke offer for individuals. They will do their best to work around pupils' involvement in the scheduled sessions and will speak to pupils directly if they need to attend any extra sessions.

As part of the support provision the core subjects, will run 4 extended study support sessions. These will be held on the following dates from 3.05pm to 5.00 pm and more details will be provided to pupils nearer the time.

Week beginning	Day	Subjects 1 hour per subject: 2 hours in total
23 January 2023	Tue	English & Mathematics
30 January	Wed	Mathematics & English
6 February	Mon	Science & RE
13 February	Thurs	RE & Science

Intervention sessions will start on **Monday 16 January 2023** – giving 5 weeks of intervention before trial exams.

Identifying Students Who Would Benefit from Support

The task of identifying which students need to attend sessions took place between the mocks being marked and the first day of the spring term, but pupils were informed in assembly before the Christmas holidays that they must be prepared to attend sessions if they are asked to do so. I very much hope that students appreciate that these sessions are not a punishment for mock exam results but are offered as support so that progress can improve. Pupils will be informed about their involvement in extra classes and parents will be sent information via Synergy from 9 January 2023 onwards. Parents are very welcome to discuss these sessions at **Parents' Evening on 19 January 2023**.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a belated Happy New Year. It is a very important year for our students, but I am sure that if we continue to work together, the rewards will be worthwhile.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Westwell', written over a circular stamp or mark.

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Director of Learning – Year 11