



Dear Parents/ Carers, 19/10/22

### **RE: Year 11 exam preparation evening**

Many thanks to the parents and carers who have worked extremely closely with myself and my colleagues over this half term. I would also like to thank those of you who attended the examination preparation evening last week. If you did not attend this one, we would like to see you on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022. If you did attend, we look forward to seeing you again.

### **Mock examinations and save the date**

Your child will be sitting mock examinations between 7<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022. These examinations are important. They will inform teaching staff where your child needs additional support. Please ensure your child prepares for them. The results of these mock examinations will be released on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 during a further parental engagement evening. Please ensure you attend to receive these results, view the effort your child is making in their books, receive additional revision material and chat to senior leaders around your child's current performance. Results for those who cannot attend this event will be processed and posted out following the Christmas period.

### **Revision guides**

A successful part of our most recent parental engagement evening was the offer to buy revision guides at a discounted rate. This was a trial; many of you purchased revision guides and workbooks on the evening and we have since had a lot of interest in further purchases. We would like to invite parents/carers to complete the expression of interest form. We will then make an order for revision guides; we will sell them directly to your child during school hours. This is not an order, but it will indicate how many revision guides we need in stock. We will update our social media when revision guides are in stock, so you know when to send your child to school with money, our suppliers get them to us rapidly. If any parent would like to spread payments out, we can set this up on parent pay, please indicate this on the form. Likewise, if any family is facing extreme hardship and cannot make a purchase, please indicate this on the form. Revision guide prices sit between £3 to £5 currently. The revision guide form can be found [here](https://forms.office.com/r/x95MCqEvzy): <https://forms.office.com/r/x95MCqEvzy>

### **Opportunities in school and materials from 13<sup>th</sup> October event**

After the half term holiday, there will be further opportunities for your child to access revision and intervention lessons. This will be published on our social media. Please encourage your child to participate.

Attached to this email is the presentation we shared with parents on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 as promised.

### **Passport to prom and Malteser Mondays**

Like many year 11 students, your child is likely to be looking forward to the prom. This is a celebration of the end of their secondary education. Proms, leavers hoodies, year books and additional celebratory tokens and events are something that we look forward to sharing with our students. Students in their last year of Washington Academy need to demonstrate they are eligible to access these privileges by fulfilling the requirements of the prom passport. These requirements include:

- 96%+ attendance from next half term and for the remainder of the academic year, however, authorised absences impacting this will be taken into consideration
- Punctual to all lessons and to form time
- Successful completion of all RJC's

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- Always wearing correct uniform
- Attendance to all lessons
- Attendance to all registration and P5 intervention without any fuss
- Follow reasonable instructions from members of staff without any fuss

Students who meet these requirements have historically excelled in their GCSE examinations.

In addition to the above, we expect your child to be working hard in lessons and it is important that we reward hard work. Your child's teachers will acknowledge this with a new reward known as 'Malteser Monday.' In order to qualify for the prom, your child must win at least one 'Malteser Monday' per half term. If your child fails to earn one in any half term, they can roll this over to the next half term and earn their 'Malteser Monday' then. This will last for the next four half terms, until the examinations begin. This is not an award for ability, but for effort. Teachers will nominate year 11 students for this award, SLT will standardise nominated work and select the winners for the week. Students will then receive confirmation of who has won every Monday morning and winners will receive a small prize to celebrate their effort. If your child wins more than one in any half term, we are exploring the opportunity to provide families with discount off year 11 celebrations.

Please let Mr. Calder known if there is anything else the academy can do to support your child during this important time: [brian.calder@consilium-at.com](mailto:brian.calder@consilium-at.com).

### **Countdown**

Following this week, provisional examination timetables are showing that there is approximately 22 teaching weeks until the first mock examination.

### **Thank you**

On behalf of Washington Academy, I wish you and your family a fun and restful half term. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. L. Clark,  
Deputy Head Teacher.

