

Tuesday 30th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR YEAR 11 IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR EXAMINATIONS

The formal exam season will start next week. Your child has been issued with their individual exam timetable and a full timetable can be found on our website by clicking the following link;

<https://www.washingtonacademy.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=768&type=pdf>

We continue to work hard to ensure that your child continues to be offered a range of sessions to ensure they are fully supported in their exams and achieve their absolute best. Please discuss and encourage your child to engage in all of the following.

- ✓ [In-school revision during timetabled lessons](#)
Now more than ever, it is crucial that all students are in school every day, attending every single lesson, and arriving to them on time. Every minute counts. Teachers have planned individually for each class so that the lessons in the run up to exams are tailored to the class needs and include lots of exam practice.
- ✓ [In-school Period 6 Interventions](#)
The Period 6 (after school) timetable continues to be up and running. It is vitally important that students attend every session that they are invited to and attend the ones before the exam of that subject.
- ✓ [Independent revision using the gifted revision guides](#)
Every student was given a free revision guide for each subject they study. All students have had bespoke sessions on how to revise and have been shown strategies that are proven to be effective. Students have had support and guidance on making a revision timetable and top tips on keeping well over the exam period.
- ✓ [Online revision Masterclasses for English and Mathematics](#)
The online Masterclasses continue to be offered through this half-term. Please see the second page of this letter for times and joining instructions. We encourage all students to join these Masterclass broadcasts.
- ✓ [Pastoral and well-being support](#)
Our Pastoral system in school continues to support your child every day. We appreciate that this can be a stressful time for your child and further guidance on this matter can be found on these useful links:
 - www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/feelings-and-experiences/exam-stress/
 - www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/

A reminder that there will be **no study leave for our Year 11 students** and this is in place right up until the last full cohort exam. If it is granted, it will be on an individual basis where signed agreement is needed. This is because we have planned for specific revision and exam preparation to take place during curriculum time right up to the final exam for your child. This will support them in being as prepared and ready as possible for their exams, and therefore give them the greatest chance of success in their outcomes ready to move to their next steps.

Vital "Exam Boosters" have been planned by staff ready to deliver to your child at key times. Please see the information and expectations for this below:

- ✓ For morning exams, students are expected to attend the period 6 Exam Booster the evening before.
- ✓ On the day of the morning exam, students are expected to attend the Exam Booster at 8.00am in the Hall.
- ✓ Following a morning exam, students then stay in school and attend lessons as normal or an exam booster if they have an afternoon exam that same day. Students are not permitted to leave site after a morning exam.
- ✓ For exams that start in the afternoon, students will attend an exam booster during lesson 3 in preparation for their afternoon exam. Students will return to lesson 5 or if it is a longer exam, may be dismissed from the Hall.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to support your child in their final GCS examinations.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs V Carter
Headteacher

How can my Y11 child access the online masterclasses?

Each of the masterclasses will take place over Microsoft Teams. This is a free-to-access platform that exists both as an app or as a simple link to your web browser. The link will remain the same for all future sessions.

GCSE Maths Masterclasses

Online, Mondays 6.00pm -7.00pm
Term-time only

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 317 706 140 901
Passcode: RpCvxr
[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

GCSE English Literature Masterclasses

Online, Wednesdays 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Term-time only

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 310 859 746 144
Passcode: Kk5qY7
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