

Mount St. Joseph

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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Year 11 Key Dates

I would like to thank all of you for attending the year 11 parents' evening last week; we are sorry that some of you were unable to attend. The evening was designed to provide parents, carers and students with vital information about your child's progress and what they need to do in order to effectively prepare for their actual GCSE and BTEC examinations in May and June of this year.

We understand that this year can be very demanding and we wanted to let you know about the many things we have done - and will be doing - to support your child through their final year in school and their examinations.

- We have held two **parental consultation evenings**: An Introduction to Year 11 Evening (14th September 2023) exploring what the year would entail, how parents could support their children, and an introduction to our mentoring programmes; 'Yule Pass' (7th December 2023) involved sessions delivered by English, maths and science focusing on what students would need to revise and how they could do this.
- **Access to colleges and further education providers** has been available for all students throughout the year, both at evening events and during school assemblies.
- **All students have been assigned a mentor** through one of our three mentoring programmes: Assertive Mentoring; ASPIRE; and Inspiring Futures. Throughout the year, at key points, students sit down with their mentors to look at their current grades in order to set realistic targets to help them progress. Students can discuss any issues or concerns with their mentors during these sessions or whenever they need to.
- **Wellbeing and Resilience sessions** are being delivered during PDT sessions and these will increase as students near their exams, with sessions dedicated to coping with exam stress.
- **Regular contact with parents** through consultation evenings, parents' evening, letters, newsletters, full reports, interim reports, and a dedicated section for year 11 on our school website, in order to ensure that parents are fully informed about what is happening in school with regard to year 11.
- **PDT sessions designed to help students boost their maths, English and science grades.**

- **Additional revision sessions during lesson 7.**
- **Weekend revision sessions.**
- **Revision materials** provided for all students.
- **Access to school counsellor drop-in sessions at lunchtimes, during the build up to the exams.**

As a school, we recognise how important it is to work together with parents and carers in order to support our students through this very demanding year. We hope you continue to work with us throughout this crucial year in your child's education, so they are able to reap the benefits in the summer. We have included some key dates that you need to be aware of below:

Wednesday, 14 th & Thursday 15 th February 2024	Year 11 BTEC Enterprise Presentation recordings
Thursday, 15 th February 2024	Maths, English and science revision day
Wednesday, 20 th March & Friday, 22 nd March 2024	Food Preparation exam
Thursday, 27 rd March 2024	Year 11 Parental consultation evening 'Eggs-am Ready' (GCSE preparation – all subjects)
Saturday, 17 th February 2024 – ongoing until after the exams finish	Weekend intervention sessions begin (invitations will be sent to parents via email; text reminders will also be sent)
Monday 15 th April & Tuesday 16 th April	Year 11 Art (option A) and Photography exam
Thursday 18 th April & Friday 19 th April	Year 11 Art (option B) Music exam
Monday, 22 nd April 2024	Spanish Speaking exams
Tuesday, 23 rd April 2024	French Speaking exams
May-June 2024	GCSE Examinations and BTEC Component 3 Examinations
Friday, 24 th May 2024	Year 11 Leavers' Mass
Half termly	Interim reports are sent home throughout the year
Friday, 5 th July 2024	Year 11 Leavers' Prom

We look forward to seeing you at our final consultation evening in March.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Reynolds
Assistant Headteacher

Mr Drummond
Head of Year 11