

Parent/Carer,

During this academic year, your child will be sitting a series of GCSE & Btec examinations. It is imperative that work for these starts now, as little and often revision will help develop strong learning habits early and enable your child to perform at their very best next summer. Strong outcomes with support them in moving on to their preferred chosen courses at post 16.

I am writing to inform you that starting next week, **week commencing 21st September**, there will be Excellence Session beginning for Year 11 students before and after school. These sessions will enhance the work that they are doing in the classroom and support them to achieve highly in their future examinations. Most sessions will take place at the Academy in the Year 11 bubble area but some will happen virtually.

The timetable below will run until December and has been put on to support your child in a range of subject areas. It is important that your child attends sessions with their normal class teacher.

Please make a note of when these sessions are and make sure your child attends as many of them as possible!

As you will be aware from my recent communications, Office 365 and TEAMS are new to the academy for both staff and students. Your child has a new school email address and they will need this to access the remote lessons and homework staff are providing via TEAMS. Year 11 have been given their new email addresses this term but if they have yet to log into the system on school site, they must make sure they do this asap prior to accessing these programmes from home. Please contact Mrs Cronin if your child is having issues accessing their account and we will support them.

A basic introduction for parents on Office 365, students email accounts, OneDrive and TEAMS is available on the school website now under remote learning.

To attend a TEAMS lesson your child will be invited by their class teacher to those lessons. The teacher will invite the whole class group. These lessons will appear in your child's school email account and their calendar in the Teams app. They will need to accept the invite when they receive it, then at the time of the lesson, click 'join' to enter the virtual classroom.

Students can **only** attend lessons with their whole class.

No recordings by anyone in the session is permitted at any time.

Expectations when attending a TEAMs lesson:

1. Be on time for the lesson.
2. Dress appropriately.
3. Access your sessions from a central space in the home ie. Not a bedroom
4. Blur your background on entering the lesson.
5. Be respectful at all times
 - mute yourself in lessons until the teacher instructs you otherwise
 - Use the hands up function to ask questions or chat function as directed by the teacher.
6. No other family members may join in the lessons.
7. Access to TEAMs lesson can only be done using your child's personal school Office 365 account log on details and Fmat email address.

**If students do not follow these expectations or they behave inappropriately, the lesson will be stopped, they may have their account suspended and a school sanction put in place.*

Year 11 is a year where students begin to realise that they must put in more effort and hard work to get the results they want and deserve to move forward in their education. We encourage all of our students to aim high and have high aspirations. If your child takes advantage of these sessions we are confident they will achieve highly next summer.

Monday				
Time	Location	Teacher(s)	Class/group	Subject
8am - 8.30am	SWA	NRO	11W1	English
3pm - 4pm	SWA	EPO/MCE/LH A	All	Music/Art/Drama
		SBT	Invited students each week.	Geography

Year 11 Excellence session timetable starting Monday 21st September 2020.

Tuesday				
Time	Location	Teacher(s)	Class/group	Subject
8am - 8.30am	SWA	SLI	11S En1	English
3pm - 4pm	SWA	SLI	11S En1	English
4.30pm – 5.30pm	Teams	DGI	11W Gg2 11S Gg2	Geography

Wednesday				
Time	Location	Teacher(s)	Class/group	Subject
3pm - 4pm	SWA	RHU	11S Ma2	Maths
		CBL (Fortnightly) 1 st Session 23 rd Sept.	11S Ma4	
		EBA	11W Ma3	
	ETR	11S Ma3		
	SWA	NRO (Fortnightly) 1 st Session 23 rd Sept.	11S2 & 11W2	English
	SWA	SNB	11S3/W1/W3	

4.30pm - 5.30pm	Teams	JOA & PTO (starting after Oct half term)	11S Sc2	Science
		KCA	11W H1	History
		NHA	11S H1	

Thursday				
Time	Location	Teacher(s)	Class/group(s)	Subject
3pm - 4pm	SWA	RDO	Business & ICT alternative weeks. ICT All students beginning 24 th Sept.	ICT/Business
			Business All students beginning 1 st October.	
		DHE	All media students	Media
	SWA	RBR	11W Ma1	Maths
4.30pm - 5.30pm	Teams	VBA	11W1 & 11S1	Maths

Friday				
Time	Location	Teacher(s)	Class/group	Subject
3pm - 4pm	SWA	JMA	11Sw2 – Bus	Business
		STH	11S Sc3	Science
		ETR	Students identified each week for support.	Maths

If you have any further questions about the Excellence Sessions please contact me via school reception.

Sincerely,

Mrs Downing

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 Curriculum & Standards