

29th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

The main Year 11 exam series begins next week and you can find your child's exam timetable on the MCAS app.

This time of year is naturally very busy for Year 11 students and it is important that they also look after their wellbeing. **Mind** have good resources to support with wellbeing and exam stress, here is the link: [14 ways to beat exam stress - Mind](#) you can also contact the pastoral team at the academy via reception or the MCAS app if you would like to discuss this further.

Lots of intervention and revision has been taking place all year and during the exams we have put together a further plan to support them. Communication for these will be shared with our students in form time this week and for some subjects, the teachers may contact you directly, if the session falls outside of the normal school day hours eg. 8am sessions.

Revision is key to being successful in these examinations. Practicing past papers and exam style questions is good practice as part of that revision. These can be found on the internet on the course website pages, if you cannot find them and want support please email their teachers for help.

Here are a few useful email addresses if you would like to contact subjects directly:

e.trafford@smithswood.fmat.co.uk (Head of Maths)

n.roche@smithswood.fmat.co.uk (Head of English)

m.ashraf@smithswood.fmat.co.uk (Head of Science)

n.hashmi@smithswood.fmat.co.uk (Head of History)

s.beaumont@smithswood.fmat.co.uk (Head of Geography)

s.casanova@smithswood.fmat.co.uk (Head of Spanish)

c.reid@smithswood.fmat.co.uk (Head of DT, H&Sc & Business/IT)

e.pountney@smithswood.fmat.co.uk (Head of Drama)

l.hayward@smithswood.fmat.co.uk (Head of Music)

k.patterson@smithswood.fmat.co.uk (Head of Btec Sport)

GCSE pod this year has been used exceptionally well by Year 11 for learning, homework and revision. As a reminder, all students have free access to this and just need their school email address to access it. The link to their site is here: [Students - GCSEPod](#). Any problems accessing it, please email Mrs Hayward for assistance.

Lastly, it is critical students attend school every day and on time. Their teachers are best placed to support as they are the experts in their subjects. With key information being given every day on lines, please make sure your child is at school for 8.30am

We wish all our student's good luck in all their upcoming exams.

Sincerely,

K. Downing

Mrs Downing
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