

8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 have made an excellent start to the school year. There has been a real focus and commitment from students on having high standards of uniform, punctuality and being 'ready to learn' in the right way. Thank you for your consistent support; it has allowed Year 11 students to be focused on the year ahead

### **Revision**

Students have been working hard in tutor time to develop bespoke 'Revision Timetables' which include specific exam boards, individual targets and personalised time-management. Resources to support students and families can be found here: <https://www.wilsthorpe.ttct.co.uk/curriculum/revision/>

In addition to this, students have been attending a series of 'Mastery Mornings' from Curriculum Area leaders and subject specialists who have been honing in on specific subject knowledge and learning strategies. Students have shown excellent levels of engagement when working with our subject experts and when concentrating on getting 'exam-ready.'

### **Mock exams**

During the two weeks beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, students will complete their first round of Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams. Curriculum Areas with the support of myself and the Year 11 Tutor Team will continue to provide students with the appropriate tools to support them through this process as well as ensuring that they are ready and confident in sitting these exams. The Mock Exam timetable will be shared with parents and students prior to the October half term break.

### **After-school intervention classes**

After-school intervention classes run from 3.00pm and are open to all students as follows:

- Week A Monday: Maths
- Week A Wednesday: English
- Week A Thursday: Science
- Week B Monday: Options (block 1)
- Week B Wednesday: Options (block 2)
- Week B Thursday: Options (block 3)

### **Additional support**

In addition to the support provided by each Curriculum Area, please be aware that your child will receive the following support throughout Year 11:

- A programme of PSHE/RSE
- A programme of Careers Guidance Education
- A personalised Careers interview
- Practice interviews for both college and employment
- Post-16 advice including Sixth form and further education institutions

### **Coursework, Controlled Assessments etc.**

Please also be aware of that some Subject Areas also have coursework and other Non-Examined forms of Assessment. Some students may not have any Non-Examined Assessments. Subject teachers will communicate this information to students, so please liaise with your child and refer to their Student Journal regarding deadlines.

### **Summary of key dates**

In order to further support your child, please see below a reminder of the following key dates for Year 11:

- November Mock Exams – Fortnight beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- Year 11 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- January Mock Exams – Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- Parents' Revision Evening – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- Intervention Parents' Evening – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Finally, thank you again for your support. If you need any further information about your child's progress or welfare, please start with your child's form tutor as the first point of contact, and we will always do our best to be responsive to you.

Warmest regards,

Mrs P Barnes