

Dear parent/carer,

I write to you again to give you an update on our Year 11 cohort, and to share some updated information about aspects of the support package that we have in place for our Year 11 children during this important year.

Attendance and behaviour

Since I last wrote to you, the attendance of our Year 11 cohort has improved once again, which is fantastic news. As we move ever closer to final exams, I ask for your continued support in ensuring your child is in school each and every day. I am also pleased to report also that the vast majority of our Year 11 students are behaving as we would expect them to in school each day. For a small minority, their choices mean that their learning is affected, and sometimes the learning of others. We expect that all of our Year 11 students follow the behaviour policy so that the learning of all students goes uninterrupted.

Mock examinations

As I mentioned in my previous letter, the next round of mock examinations will take place in the weeks straight after the February half-term; it is crucial that students are prepared for these examinations and are in school for all of the mock examination period. They are a crucial part of the support to ensure students are ready to complete their final exams. Students have been provided with revision materials and support for each of their subjects so it is important that they spend a good amount of time revising in preparation for the mock examinations.

Revision planner for students

All of our Y11 students have now been issued with their own revision planner for the mock examinations. This will help them spread their time appropriately between their subjects when revising. Each day, other than Friday, has three organised revision slots; each revision block should account for approximately 30 minutes of subject revision. Completing the revision work that is set out in their planner will help your child prepare successfully for their examinations. In addition, they are able to ask their teachers for support.

The 5 O'clock revision room

Research suggests that revision is most effective when the environment is quiet, calm and free from distractions. We understand that, for some students, this might not be the case at home, and so we want to provide a space in school for Year 11 students to revise through the week. The 5 O'clock revision room will run Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and will be a supervised study space from the end of the school day until 5pm. All students are welcome to come and work independently in the 5 O'clock revision room.

I will write to you again next month with another Year 11 update. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch via. Heworth Grange Enquiries.

Yours sincerely,



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