



Principal: Mrs L Monk – BMus (Hons) **Specialisms:** Science, Performing and Creative Arts
LMO/re

18th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Y11 Revision Programme: Spring Term 2018

Your son/daughter will have returned home to you last Thursday with a copy of the GCSE and BTEC mock exam results. I hope that you have now had a chance to look at these with your son/daughter.

Whilst mock exams are a practice to prepare students for the real exams in May and June, the results of mocks can be used by college and 6th form providers to make offers on courses for September 2018, they do therefore carry importance for all of our students. I am writing to let you know that we will be holding a second set of mock exams **w.b. Monday 5th March 2018** so that all of our students have another chance to improve their mock grades.

When talking to students it is clear that very few of them did enough revision, and the right type of revision to thoroughly prepare for their exams. We were also disappointed at the low numbers of students attending our after-school revision sessions with teaching staff. Revision is a vital part of the preparation for the final exams: as many courses no longer have any coursework all students are required to recall all the information which they have been taught during the three years of their GCSE courses.

Therefore, in line with E-ACT trust policy, all Year 11 students will be required to attend Period 6 revision classes from Monday-Thursday from Monday 22nd January onwards.

It is vital that every single student reaches their potential in their GCSEs this summer: they are competing for places in 6th form, college or on apprenticeship programmes against students from across the city.

Information about the sessions:

- All sessions will last from 3.00pm to 4.00pm
- All sessions will be taught by qualified teachers from our school staff
- Sessions will be targeted at those topics which students found particularly difficult in the most recent mocks, and over the course of the programme.
- All students will be registered on our attendance register for these sessions.
- Any student is not able to attend a period 6 revision session will be required to request permission to be absent **a minimum of 3 days in advance of the session**. Any requests for absence should be made to the Headteacher in writing. Each request will be considered on its own merits.

- If a student fails to attend period 6 without permission from the Headteacher they will be placed into a 1-hour detention the following day, and you will be notified by text message that this is the case.
- We will be running the revision sessions for 5 weeks, and will then review student's progress:
- We expect all students to attend sessions for 5 weeks:
 - Week beginning Monday 22nd January
 - Week beginning Monday 29th January
 - Week beginning Monday 5th February
 - Week beginning Monday 12th February
 - Week beginning Monday 26th February
- We will not be holding Period 6 classes in the weeks of the next set of mock exams: week beginning Monday 5th March and week beginning Monday 12th March
- We will review the progress of all students following the second set of mock exams and will agree which students will need to attend from Monday 16th April onwards
- This the timetable for our sessions:

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
A Band	Maths	English	Science/History/Geography
B Band	English	Maths	Science/History/Geography

I recognise that this is a significant change to our school day for Y11 students, but I trust that you will support this. We recognise that many parents/carers will contemplate paying for tutors to support their sons/daughters to prepare for their GCSE exams. We will not charge for these sessions, and we know that the people best placed to prepare your sons/daughters for their exams are the teachers that know them best.

We look forward to seeing all of our Y11 students in their revision sessions from Monday 22nd January onwards, and celebrating their fantastic GCSE results with them on **Thursday 23rd August 2018.**

Yours faithfully,



Lucy Monk
Headteacher