

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

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6th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Y11 Revision Programme: Summer 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.

The majority of students made improvements between the December and March mock exams, both in terms of the number of raw marks they achieved and also their actual grades. Whilst there will be many reasons for this, the increased amount of time students spent revising, including the new period 6 classes will have helped to contribute to the improvement.

Therefore, in line with E-ACT trust policy, all Year 11 students will again be required to attend Period 6 revision classes from Monday-Thursday from Monday 16th April 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:

- Sessions will last from 3.00pm to 4.00pm, or 2.40pm to 3.40 pm on a Wednesday.
- All sessions will be taught or supervised by qualified teachers from our school staff.
- Students will each receive personalised period 6 timetables.
- 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 4 weeks, in the lead up to the summer exams which will start on the week beginning the 14th May

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- We expect all students to attend sessions for 4 weeks:
 - Week beginning Monday 16th April
 - Week beginning Monday 23rd April
 - Week beginning Monday 30th April
 - Week beginning Tuesday 8th May

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 16th April onwards, and celebrating their fantastic GCSE results with them on **Thursday 23rd August 2018 from 10am onwards.**

Yours faithfully,



Lucy Monk
Headteacher