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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Update and information

The large majority of our students have shown a marked improvement in the recent mock exams. Teacher are analysing all of the assessments to identify areas where extra input and support is needed. A member of staff will contact you before the Easter holiday with an update on how your child is progressing. We will also be speaking to parents if there are any additional interventions that we need to plan and discuss.

All students who are attending the additional support classes and handing in work to be marked are making good progress towards their grades or are exceeding predictions.

For example, one of our students has spent each lunchtime going to the hall for extra Maths input from Mrs Bainbridge. This student has gone up two grades since the December mock, it does make a difference and it is possible!

Next steps...

Easter Revision – this is taking place in the second week of the holiday

Many thanks to Holy Family staff who are supporting these revision classes during the Easter break. All Easter revision sessions will be at Holy Family. Students can arrive from 9.30am onwards, sessions start at 10am. Students will not be able to leave site during the morning to go to the shop. We will provide refreshments and snacks, they will need to bring their own packed lunch if they are staying all day. **We will send you a form on Monday for them to sign up to sessions.**

Monday 14th April	Tuesday 15th April	Wednesday 16th April
Maths: Higher – 10am till 2pm Foundation- 10am till 12noon	Science: Combined 10am – 12noon Higher 12noon – 2pm	English: 10am till 2pm
	I Media: 10am till 2pm Students can join this session in the morning or afternoon if they also want to join the science revision	

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Additional support from our Trust after Easter:

Science, Music, Geography and English

In order to support as many students as possible, Staff from St Wilfrid's will be coming over to Holy Family to support students from Easter in each of these subjects. Originally they planned to take students over to St Wilfrid's in the holiday but they felt this would have restricted the number who could access the additional support.

Science: A Science specialist will be coming in each week to do specific, targeted work with students in both the Triple and Combined Science groups. The initial focus will be further support on the required practical's.

Music: A music specialist will be coming across on one day each week to do additional, targeted work in lessons with our music students in preparation for their exam.

Geography: A specialist teacher will be in for four targeted sessions to give additional revision support from the end of April onwards.

English: A specialist teacher will be in school for specific English lessons to give additional support on the Paper 2 writing element for targeted students.

Additional Staffing after Easter

We welcome back Mrs Ashworth who has been supporting in class with Miss Roach for the last few weeks as the GCSE History content was finished and will take over the History revision after Easter. Miss Roach has twice extended her time with us to support Year 11 and we are very grateful. She is starting a permanent role after Easter and we wish her all the best for her next adventure.

Mrs Ashworth is also providing additional support in RE, Mrs Selway has returned to support Year 11 RE lessons from this week.

We welcome Mrs Neal back from maternity leave and both her and Mrs McGee will be supporting our Art students in preparation for their exam and portfolio work.

Mrs Neal will also be preparing our Hospitality and Catering students for their exams.

Exam Boards and the DFE – update on request for special consideration

We contacted the Exam Boards, DFE and local MP to request special consideration for the Year 11 cohort due to the school closure and the effect on our Y11 students. We were told that it does not meet the criteria. The trust then wrote to the exam boards and DFE to request this and together we spoke to representatives from the DFE. They have come back to us again to confirm that the situation does not meet the criteria.

We can look at individual student circumstances and work with parents to put forward individual requests. The JCQ guidance is online – link below.

[JCQ - A Guide to the Special Considerations Process](#)

If you think any of those aspects relate to your child please contact us with specific details.

Exam Information

The written exams begin on Monday 12th May. When our students are not in an exam they will be in their normal timetabled classes or in specific revision sessions.

From the 12th May they need to be in full school uniform every day, **not** PE kit.

From Monday 9th June students will only be expected in for their exams and any revision sessions for exams which take place after this date. A quiet study room will also be available if they are waiting for buses or lifts home.

Staff will be able to give specific advice between the exam papers so it is important that students attend to look at what might come up on the papers and talk to staff about the papers they have sat. This will give them reassurance and we can ensure they are focusing on the right revision.

End of the exam period

The final exams for our students are on Monday 16th June. There are some 'contingency days' up to the 25th June that the exam boards put in place just in case of any major problems.

Students leave on the 16th June but are invited back for a **Leavers Assembly on Friday 20th June**. This special celebration will start at 9am and finish at 10.30am. They need to be in full school uniform and after the assembly they can sign shirts and say their farewells before they leave at 10.30am.

The final event is the Prom on Wednesday 25th June at Carlton Towers. Mrs Neal will send out reminders about this event and the timings after Easter.

That covers quite a few things!

Please contact us if you, or your child, need any further guidance and support.

We are really proud of all of our Year 11 students and we will do everything we can to support them to achieve the results they need and deserve. Thanks for all your support, we know that it is a stressful time for parents and families as well!

We will keep in touch with further updates,

Mrs Mitchell
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