

10 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer of Y11 student,

I hope this letter finds you well leading up to Christmas.

I would like to start off by giving our thanks for your attendance to Y11 parents evening and your overwhelmingly positive comments about our new approach. It meant that all students and families in the year group were able to get personal feedback about their PPE exam results, next steps and that their mentor is best equipped to support them fully over the next 6 months. We know that this can be a stressful time for families as they do their best to support their children. If you would like to speak to a subject teacher directly, please contact Mr Powell (rpowell@dixonsba.com), Mrs Rittenberg (srittenberg@dixonsat.com) or Mr Hughes (nhughes@dixonsba.com) who can arrange that for you.

I am writing to you now to give you some further updates for Y11 to let you know the next steps to support our students so that they can achieve their full potential.

From 19 December, we are changing our homework timetable to include all subjects as a compulsory element. Students will receive a homework recognition point which will go towards the Prom, the Revision Retreat and various other pop-up events put on during the year to reward them for their hard work. They will get a full week's notice to complete the work which must be handed in directly to their teacher or done online depending on how it is set. Each piece of homework is expected to take around 30 minutes in total. The timetable can be found below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	Science	English	History	Business
Technology	Art	French	Geography	PE
	Music	Spanish	Drama	Dance

From January 2024 we are changing the end of the school day for those students who have either requested more study after school or those that need further input. They will be expected to stay until 4pm in a subject session or doing self-study in an IT room with access to the online platforms that we use with a member of staff on hand to support them. The intervention timetable has been set up so that there are multiple sessions on each night. For Maths, each student is being offered a session by their own maths teacher and must attend if requested to. Week one can be found below. Please find the full document on our website.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths (Miss Rittenberg)	Business (Mr Golding)	Maths (Miss McQuade)	Geography (Mr Bradshaw/ Mr Allen)	English (Mr Pope)
Religious Studies (Mr Brayne)	Drama (Mr McGrath)	Maths (Miss Lawlor)	Drama (Mr McGrath)	
Psychology (Mrs Pereschine)	History (Mr Jones/ Miss Nixon)	Psychology (Mrs Pereschine)	Psychology (Mrs Pereschine)	
Maths (Miss Sube)	Art (Miss Devlin)	Art (Miss Lawton)	Science (Dr Moore/Mrs Rhodes) (H/F)	
English Literature (Miss Idris)	GCSE PE (Mr Smith)	Maths	Btec PE (Mrs Noel)	
	Maths (Mr Owen)	Music (Mrs Unsworth/ Mrs Ward)	Spanish (Miss Ellison/ Miss Rodriguez)	
	French (Mr Ashur)			

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over this term and wish you a fabulous festive break with your family and loved ones. We return to school on Monday 8th January and gates open at 8am as normal.

Kind regards,



Rachael Fidler

Principal

