

Be Your Best Self

10 January 2024

Dear parents, carers & students,

Below is an overview of support that will be offered to all of our Year 11 students in the build up to their final summer examinations. It is really important that we continue to work together, as teachers and parents, in order to do everything we can to support our Year 11 students achieve the best possible outcomes in the summer. Please do get in touch with teachers if you need any further specific support or guidance.



School-led Tutoring – Online Revision Programme

This year we are offering additional online tutoring (as a g-meet) to **all** year 11 students. The sessions will be on Monday, Tuesday (3 sessions available) and Wednesday, Thursday (2 sessions available). Each session will be 40 minutes and run from w/c January 14th 2024 through to May half term (term time only).

- **Session 1 will run from 4pm to 4:40pm**
- **Session 2 will run from 5pm to 5:40pm**
- **Session 3 will run from 6pm to 6:40pm**

This fits in with the idea that regular breaks are important whilst revising. Every evening these bespoke revision and exam practice sessions are available to all students. This is a free service. Please see the timetable below, to see the range of subjects on offer, other subjects not seen inside the table will be offering their own revision support for students.

To access each session, students will need to access the Google Classroom listed under each subject in the table below. Once in the Classroom, they will be able to click on the g-meet link

Please read [📖 STARMAT Remote Learning Acceptable User Agreement](#)

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Session 1 4pm - 4:40pm	French (LAL) r6usloo	English (BTH) og277qf	Computer Science (RRE) x2cigi	*Science 2 (RYE) vwsmp7 or History (MGI) xulceva
Session 2 5pm - 5:40pm	Religion, Philosophy and Ethics. (TAS) pq4cqxw	GCSE PE (KPE) tgvb2s	Maths Foundation (HST) oqmrnk	Maths Higher (ASY) rad5r2g
Session 3 6pm - 6:40pm	*Science 1 (AMU) vwsmp7	Geography (JWK) lladnyi		



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*Science 1 and Science 2 will cover Higher and Foundation in Biology, Chemistry and Physics on a three week cycle. Please contact Miss Yellow and Miss Murrell in advance.

Each session following a pattern similar to below:

- 10-minute introduction or recap of a topic area from the subject specialist
- 20 minutes of independent work (e.g. practice exam questions) as directed by the teacher
- 10-minute review looking at model answers or mark schemes for the work just completed.

The idea is that there is a consistent focus on practicing exam technique and looking at past questions or parts of past questions in every subject area. This will provide a starting point and a model for effective revision technique. It will also provide fixed points in the week where revision is taking place. Students should still aim to structure further revision around this programme.

Mini-push towards the February mock series

Each subject area has created a 5 week revision programme designed to help students and parents prepare for the second mock exams starting w/c 19th February. These contain a weekly revision task with a suggested outcome. **Attached [HERE](#) is the overview sheet which has a link to each subject revision plan.** There is also a link to the [One Stop Shop](#) where students can access past paper questions and more support material if needed.

Support for parents with revision and self-study

In the build up to assessments and public examinations we are also keen to support parents as much as possible. It can sometimes be very challenging to support your child with homework, revision and self-study, therefore I wanted to provide a link to 'From the sidelines'. This is a website with a range of videos produced by a former colleague, John Tait.

These mini videos address a range of factors on how best to support your child with revision. These include the need for silent focus, avoiding distractions from mobile phones and ensuring our students are getting enough rest and sleep.

All the details can be found here [-https://www.fromthesidelines.uk/](https://www.fromthesidelines.uk/).

Please let us know if you need any further support in these really important final few months.

Reminder of key dates

- Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th January - Year 11 online parents evening
- Monday 5th February - Year 11 parents information evening [2]
- w/c 19th February - start of second round of mock exams
- Friday 19th April - Final report sent home to parents/carers
- Monday 22nd April GCSE French speaking exams
- Monday 29th April GCSE German speaking exam
- Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st May GCSE Art exam
- Thursday 9th May GCSE examinations begin
- 26th June GCSE all GCSE examinations end
- Monday 1st July - Year 11 PROM
- Thursday 22nd August - GCSE RESULTS DAY



Y11 Sept 2023 Additional subject support on offer

Lunchtimes



Day	Subject	Teacher	Room	Time- PLEASE EDIT ACCORDINGLY
MONDAY	German Graphics / 3D / Media Electronics P18	TBA JA	L3 P18	12.35pm - 1.00pm 12.35pm - 1.05pm
TUESDAY	English Lit. Poetry Revision Computer Science Graphics	English teachers KLA JA	T3 P25 P18	 12.35pm - 1pm 3.10 - 4
WEDNESDAY	French Geography History drop in GCSE PE Graphics / 3D / Media Electronics P18	MBU LIR LBL KPE JA	L7 M24 L11 L6 P18	12.35pm - 1.05pm 12.40pm - 1pm 12.35-1pm 12.35pm - 1.05pm 12.35pm - 1.05pm
THURSDAY	German (wk 1) Graphics / 3D / Media Electronics P18	CSP/ TGI JA	L3 P18	12.35pm - 1pm 12.35pm - 1.05pm
FRIDAY	Computer Science CD/H&C/HSC Graphics / 3D / Media Electronics P18	RRE HHE JA	P22 P16 P18	12.30pm - 1pm 12.30-1pm 12.35pm - 1.05pm

* Students are also encouraged to make appointments with their teachers for support with any questions or areas that they are struggling with during lunch times if needed.

EVERY WED/THURS- OPEN TO ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS - TILL 5PM IN THE ILC

Study Skills

- ✓ Revision cards
- ✓ Flow chart
- ✓ Spider diagrams
- ✓ Graphical organisers
- ✓ Mind maps
- ✓ Text analysis
- ✓ Making notes
- ✓ Memory joggers
- ✓ Mnemonics
- ✓ Revising with friends
- ✓ Revising with MP3
- ✓ Exam tips