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Dear Parent

I would like to update you on the range of academic support that we are putting in place next half term to support your Y11 child.

Revision Clinics/Independent Study Sessions in Autumn 2

Our programme below includes teacher-led revision sessions and opportunities to undertake independent private study. The latter would include, for example, working on a creative piece in an Art class, working on coursework in the D.T. room or undertaking a timed essay in a classroom.

Day	Time	Subject	Nature of Session	Head of Department
Monday	13.15-13.45	Business/Economics	Revision Clinic	Mr Ernest
Monday	13.15-13.45	Product Design	Independent Study	Mrs Neath
Monday	16.00 – 17.00	Business/Economics	Independent Study	Mr Ernest
Monday	16.00 – 17.00	English	Independent Study	Mr Stevenson
Monday	16.00 – 17.00	Product Design	Independent Study	Mrs Neath
Tuesday	13.15 – 13.45	Spanish	Revision Clinic	Miss Valiente
Tuesday	13.15 – 13.45	History	Revision Clinic	Mrs Pilgrim-Reed
Tuesday	13.15 – 13.45	Religious Studies	Revision Clinic	Mrs Smith
Tuesday	13.15 – 13.45	Product Design	Independent Study	Mrs Neath
Tuesday	16.00 – 17.00	Art	Independent Study	Miss Killen
Tuesday	16.00 – 17.00	Music	Independent Study	Mr Edney
Tuesday	16.00 – 17.00	Product Design	Independent Study	Mrs Neath
Tuesday	Evening Prep	Geography	Revision Clinic	Miss Vaughan
Wednesday	12.45 – 1.15	Geography	Revision Clinic	Miss Vaughan
Wednesday	13.15 – 13.45	English	Revision Clinic	Mr Stevenson
Wednesday	13.15 – 13.45	Product Design	Independent Study	Mrs Neath
Wednesday	16.00 – 17.00	Art	Revision Clinic	Miss Killen
Wednesday	16.00 – 17.00	Computer Science	Revision Clinic	Mr Preston
Wednesday	16.00 – 17.00	Product Design	Independent Study	Miss Neath
Wednesday	17.00 – 17.45	Art	Revision Clinic	Miss Killen
Wednesday	Evening Prep	Geography	Revision Clinic	Miss Vaughan
Wednesday	Evening Prep	English	Revision Clinic	Mr Stevenson
Thursday	12.45 – 13.15	Computer Science	Revision Clinic	Mr Preston
Thursday	13.15 – 13.45	Product Design	Independent Study	Mrs Neath
Thursday	16.00 – 17.00	Art	Independent Study	Miss Killen
Thursday	16.00 – 17.00	Spanish	Independent Study	Miss Valiente
Thursday	16.00 – 17.00	Product Design	Independent Study	Mrs Neath
Thursday	Evening Prep	Geography	Revision Clinic	Miss Vaughan

Thursday	Evening Prep	English	Revision Clinic	Mr Stevenson
Friday	13.15 – 13.45	Product Design	Independent Study	Mrs Neath
Friday	16.00 – 17.00	Art	Revision Clinic	Miss Killen
	16.00 – 17.00	Music	Revision Clinic	Mr Edney
Saturday	12.00 – 13.00	Music	Revision Clinic	Mr Edney

Encouraging Diligence in Learning

Students in Y11 have received a strong message that, in order to be successful they will need to ensure that they are working hard. As teachers, we are there to support them with this but, ultimately, it is important that they recognise that anything which is worth having is hard won. As part of this drive, we are encouraging students to have a more diligent approach to their prep. At the start of next half term, they will be receiving a prep pack, which contains some information about successful revision and a list of extension activities for each subject. The key message we are giving here is that, at this point of their schooling, there's no such thing as "I have finished all my prep". Instead, they should recognise that the most successful students are independent learners who balance free time with a commitment to working independently on areas of need. This is a message that it would be useful for parents to echo at home and, with this in mind, you are able to view the booklet that students will be receiving by clicking [here](#).

Maximising Success

To fully support your child with the exam challenges which lie ahead, Y11 will be receiving a "maximising success" workshop delivered by the Life Skills Company at the end of the Autumn term. The information on the work shop is here: <https://thelifeskillscompany.com/student-training-ks4/maximising-success> . During this fun and active two-hour workshop, students explore principles of effective learning, different revision techniques and a system of proactive revision. The aim is for students to leave the session feeling better motivated and empowered, having chosen three or four preferred revision techniques which they can use proactively to help prepare for the January mocks and Summer exams.

Y11 Mock

Please can I confirm that the Y11 mocks will take place from Monday 7th January to Tuesday 15th January inclusive. Once the timetable has been finalised, parents and students will be sent this alongside notification of what precisely is to be examined.

As you can see, there are many challenges which lie ahead for your child, however, it is also important that they spend some of the half term break "switching-off" so that they are able to return to school with their batteries fully charged for what lies ahead.

Yours faithfully



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