

24th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening, Thursday 3rd October, 6-8pm

This is a very important academic year for your child - exams can be a challenging time and preparation is the key to confidence and performance. The students have made an excellent start to the academic year and have engaged fully in their learning. Hard work is the foundation of achievement, and consistent effort over time leads to greater success. We want to ensure that students maximise every opportunity on offer to them. Our aim is to help students gain an excellent set of qualifications to achieve their aspirational goals post Year 11.

I wanted to take a moment to stress the importance of revision in ensuring your child's success. Regular revision not only helps students reinforce what they have learned in class, but also deepens their understanding of the material. It allows them to identify areas where they may need additional support and helps them build essential skills such as time management and critical thinking.

On Thursday 3rd October, we are holding our Raising Achievement (RA) Evening for families of Year 11 students. The evening will take place between 6:00 - 8:00pm. The purpose of the evening is to provide you and your child with important information and guidance regarding our raising achievement programme, effective revision strategy, mock exams and the final summer exams season. This will fully support them to make the necessary progress throughout the year.

At the start of the evening, there will be a presentation in the main hall starting at 6pm. During this presentation, the following aspects will be covered:

- Raising Achievement (RA) programme
- Mock examinations, assessment and reporting schedule
- Study Stay provision and Summer exam countdown

After the presentation, you and your child will be able to attend a variety of workshops run by experienced members of staff. Each workshop will last for 10 minutes and you can attend a maximum of six workshops. The workshops include:

- Personalised Learning Checklists (PLCs) & Revision Timetables
- Exam Techniques
- Revision Techniques
- Managing Exam Pressure
- Life Beyond School - Future Pathways
- Plus, a variety of subject specific exam success workshops:
 - English Language & Literature
 - Science

- Mathematics
- History
- Geography
- BTEC Business plan
- Product Design, Engineering and Hospitality & Catering
- GCSE Physical Education
- BTEC Sport
- Art and Photography

This is a really key event and we hope that both yourself and your child will be able to attend. Your involvement as parents is invaluable during this time. Simple actions, such as helping your child create a study schedule or checking in on their progress, can make a significant difference. Please remind them that, while exams are important, their well-being is equally crucial. Encourage them to balance their hard work with proper rest, nutrition and time to relax. Together, we can help ensure your child is well-prepared, confident and ready to do their best in their GCSE exams.

In addition, our subject experts have sourced official exam board revision guides. These come highly recommended and will offer a significant boost for students when revising independently. For those students who are eligible for pupil premium support, the academy will purchase a bundle of subject revision guides on their behalf, so there is no need to place an order separately. For those who would like to purchase revision guides independently and have them delivered directly from the providers, you will find on the following page a table containing the recommended revision guides for each subject, their exam board, cost, website link and ISBN number.

Please join us from 5.45pm on Thursday 3rd October to sign in on arrival at student reception. We very much look forward to welcoming you to the evening.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs M Orchard
Vice Principal

Subject	Board	Revision Guide	Price	ISBN Code
English Language	AQA	English Language Revision Guide	£8.99	9781782944140
English Literature	AQA	Poetry	£6.18	978-1782943617
English Literature	AQA	Macbeth	£6.18	978-1447982203
English Literature	AQA	A Christmas Carol	£6.18	978-1447982128
English Literature	AQA	An Inspector Calls	£6.18	978-1447982166
Maths	Edexcel	Foundation Revision Guide	£6.50	9781782944003
Maths	Edexcel	Foundation Workbook	£6.50	9781782943990
Maths	Edexcel	Higher Revision Guide	£6.50	9781782944041
Maths	Edexcel	Higher Workbook	£6.50	9781782944034
Science	AQA	Higher Revision Guide	£11.99	9781782945598
Science	AQA	Higher Workbook	£11.99	9781782944850
Science	AQA	Higher Workbook Answers	£2.25	9781782944904
Science	AQA	Foundation Revision Guide	£11.99	9781782945604
Science	AQA	Foundation Workbook	£11.99	9781782944867
Science	AQA	Foundation Workbook Answers	£2.25	9781782944911
History	AQA	History Complete Guide	£11.50	1510455612
Geography	AQA	GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Revision Guide	£6.50	78-0-19-842346-1
Geography	AQA	GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA: Exam Practice: Grades 4-6	£5.20	978-1382009553
Geography	AQA	GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA: Exam Practice: Grades 7-9	£6.50	978-1382009591
Geography	AQA	GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Fieldwork	£7.00	978-0-19-842662-2
Spanish	AQA	Revision Guide	£6.50	9781782945468
Spanish	AQA	Exam Practice Workbook	£6.50	9781782945475
French	AQA	Revision Guide	£6.50	9781782945376
French	AQA	Exam Practice Workbook	£6.50	9781782945383
Information Technology	Pearson	BTEC Tech Award Digital Information Technology	£6.19	978-1292272740
GCSE Product Design	AQA	Essentials Bundle	£9.00	TACUB41
WJEC Hospitality	WJEC	WJEC Vocational Award Hospitality and Catering Level 1/2 – Student Book – Revised Edition Boost eBook	£6.50	9781913963965
BTEC Enterprise	BTEC	Pearson REVISE BTEC Tech Award Enterprise Revision Guide	£6.79	9781292436111
BTEC Sport	Edexcel	BTEC Tech Award in Sport	£6.50	9781837740611