

31st January 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer,

With less than 60 school days to go until Year 11 students are scheduled to sit their summer examinations, it is vital that all students make the most of the opportunities offered to them. We have been really impressed with their mature attitude and resilience during such an important time in their lives.

Mock Examinations

Mock examinations will take place during the weeks commencing 7th March and 14th March. All students must work hard for these examinations and please do share the timetable attached and discuss this with your child. Predicted grades will be decided by these examination papers and feedback will be given to make sure that students do even better in the summer examinations. Pupils should start revising for these examinations now.

Additional Learning Opportunities

We would like all students to stay in school until at least 3.30pm every evening. There are lots of revision sessions in school and please do share the timetable attached with your child. Students can also stay later than 3.30pm in order to complete coursework. All students should be aiming to complete their coursework by March so that they can focus on their summer exams. Please discuss this with your child. This work can often be completed at home.

Home Revision

Pupils should be completing extra work every evening. There is so much that they can do including packages such as Sparx in mathematics and video revision resources in English which are available in the Year 11 Google Classroom. General revision is also important. Doing extra work at home will ensure that the students make more progress than the rest of the country which will mean that their grade improves.

February Half Term Revision

To support students, we are offering revision days in the half term holidays. Pupils can sign up to these revision/coursework sessions with the Head of Department. All pupils should aim to attend at least 3 or 4 days. The sessions are free of charge and will be aimed at the mock and summer examination topics. We are really appreciative of the support of the Subject Directors from the Trust at these sessions. The directors are experts in their subjects/ examinations and some are examiners themselves. Please see the timetable attached for

the half term sessions and encourage your child to attend. Refreshments will be provided and pupils can wear non-uniform.

Prom and 'Do Brilliantly'

Pupils will only be invited to prom if they earn their place. Prom is provisionally booked for Tuesday 28th June with prom breakfast on Wednesday 29th June. We have launched our 'Do Brilliantly' programme recently. Pupils need to achieve 40 signatures on their card to earn access to a prom ticket. They can achieve 1 signature for a full revision session after school and 5 signatures for a day in the half term holidays. Signatures will be removed for lateness to school/class. We want all students to do their best. Please discuss this with your child and check their card regularly.

Student Wellbeing

It is natural to feel anxious and overwhelmed during such an important time so please support your child at home but also encourage them to seek help when they need it. Please see the slide attached to see ways in which we can make things easier or support.

GCSE Results Day

Results day is scheduled to take place on Thursday 25th August. We hope to see every student collect their results with a huge smile on their face with the qualifications they need to progress to their chosen courses or future pathway. It's not too late to make this happen. Please make sure that your child has applied for college places or apprenticeships. At Haydock we make sure that every child has a future pathway. Please contact Mrs O'Keeffe if you need any support with this process c.okeeffe@haydock.outwood.com

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 cohort. They are a pleasure to work with. There isn't long to go and if they give their best then they should not have any regrets when they start their extended summer holidays towards the end of June. Remember the only place that 'success comes before work is in the dictionary'. Please feel free to email me at p.abram@haydock.outwood.com if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Abram". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light grey rectangular box.

Mr P Abram
Principal