

SVa/HDa

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Year 11 Examination Support**

As we begin the final, full term of your son/daughter's education at Priory I thought it would be an appropriate time to outline the support available for your child in their final weeks of examination preparation.

#### **Year 11 Parents' Evenings - Wednesday 23 January and 3 April.**

We know some parents can feel distanced from their child's education as they get older and some feel that they have no role to play. This could not be further from the truth. It is ever more important that you feel informed and able to support your son/daughter in the coming months. Please make every effort to join us for this evening.

#### **High attendance this term is absolutely vital.**

#### **Lesson time revision**

All subjects will be running their own examination preparation programmes during Year 11 lesson time. These are designed to build upon the work already undertaken in lessons and to reinforce specific topics. They also provide an ideal opportunity to further develop revision skills and examination technique.

#### **Working at home**

Your son or daughter should now be regularly working on their revision at home. This might be through record cards, online sites and practice questions. Departments will be setting homework tasks but revision at home will be more than just that. If your child gets into the habit now of doing a little, often they will be preparing themselves much better for the challenges of the summer. They will always have work that they can be doing.

#### **Priory School Website**

All relevant examination information can be found on our website. From the front page click **Students** and then **Examination Information**. I would draw your attention, in particular, to Knowledge Planners that outline key information for the use of students and parents in supporting revision.

#### **Period 7 - Additional revision sessions**

Parents have received a breakdown of additional sessions to be run in support of Year 11 revision. These consist of after school workshops run each day of the week for different subjects. If a student is required to attend **they must be present in that session**. Please continue to support the school in ensuring your child attends these sessions as they have been very helpful.

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<b>Monday</b>	English
<b>Tuesday</b>	Option subjects
<b>Wednesday</b>	(2.20pm) Maths
<b>Thursday</b>	Science
<b>Friday</b>	(2.20pm) all subjects by appointments

### **Easter School**

A full programme of revision workshops will be run over the Easter holiday to support revision. A full timetable will be issued in advance.

### **Tutor Time**

In addition, Year 11 tutors will deliver activities over the remaining months to address learning to learn skills, focusing on revision structure and skills. This work will be focussed around the use of their revision folder and record cards; using the most effective ways to structure revision.

The tutor period will also include a “Wellbeing Wednesday” where students will receive tips on how to look after themselves and maintain good emotional health through Year 11. If parents require further information they can visit our website. Go to,

1. Parents
2. Emotional Health and Wellbeing

### **Weekend and holiday workshops**

A full programme of workshops and revision sessions will be offered at weekends, February half term, Easter and the May half term. More information to follow as the Spring Term progresses.

### **Knowledge Planners**

Departments have completed **Knowledge Planners** for each unit of work for the GCSEs. These are designed to condense the content of each unit into a manageable size based around the key knowledge that students need in each unit. We hope that this will also be helpful for parents in understanding how to support their son/daughter’s revision.

All of these planners can be provided as a hard copy on request or accessed via the website. Go to,

1. Students
2. Examination Information
3. Knowledge Planners

These interventions are representative of our absolute commitment to ensuring the best GCSE results for your sons and daughters. Staff will be going the “extra mile” in the coming months and we look forward to working in partnership to secure the very best results for your children.

Yours sincerely



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