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22nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We want the absolute best for your child, through their life at school and beyond. Their GCSE outcomes this year are important in them achieving their potential and being able to move through to their next step towards adult life and their future career. We have 11 weeks until their GCSE Summer Exams and want to ensure that we are making the best use of the time they have to ensure they receive the grades they deserve.

After careful consideration and assessment of our student's needs, we have decided to give them a further 8 hours in our core subjects (English/Maths/Science), with targeted intervention sessions during tutor times on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Students will remain with their normal tutors for Curriculum For Life every Wednesday. This will ensure they continue to receive a well-rounded education whilst also benefiting from targeted support. This will take effect with our timetable change on **Monday 4th March** and it will **run for 4 weeks**. Students will then revert back to full week tutor times with their tutor after the Easter break to enable them to complete individual targeted revision with their peers in their usual tutor group.

These sessions will focus on providing intensive support to your child in their most needed subject area, with the aim of helping them achieve their full potential. Each student will be set alongside one subject specialist who will work closely with them for the four weeks, providing guidance and targeted teaching for their specific needs. We know that other schools do similar intervention sessions which have proven results. We are committed to providing the support and resources for their success and believe that this will better equip our students to excel academically, ensuring their place for their next stage of educational learning. During these four weeks, their core subject teacher will pick up any pastoral needs for your child and you can find contact details of our team at the bottom of our letter.

Your child will find out which subject they will be in and the teacher they will be with, on Monday 26th February. This support will work alongside the revision they are completing at home and the revision sessions they can access here at QE at break and lunch times. Our subject teams have created revision schedules which will be uploaded to Google Classrooms and our website in the next couple of days for students to use as a further revision tool. A reminder that we also have resources on our website to support you in guiding your child through their GCSE build up to success in the summer.

Year 11 students will be remaining in school throughout their GCSE's until after their Science exam on 14th June when they have completed the majority of their exams. The contingency day for exams this year is 26th June, please ensure you keep this day free in case of any national emergency which would mean a planned exam day would cease to run.



We value your partnership in your child's education and are dedicated to working together to support their growth and development. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



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