



Tuesday, 14 January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

With only 17 weeks until the first GCSE examination begin, we want to update all parents/guardians on the recent initiatives with Year 11.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, we held our Year 11 mock results morning, which focussed on next steps for 6<sup>th</sup> form, target setting and preparation for the exam season. All Year 11 students met with a member of staff to discuss what is required to achieve the necessary grades so they can continue their education next year into college, 6<sup>th</sup> form or an apprenticeship. The morning was incredibly successful and will provide students with a springboard to ongoing success in 2020.

To support students two documents have been designed to support revision.

**Revision skills pack -**

<http://www.coxgreen.com/d/static/curriculum/exams%20information/revision%20guides/Year%2011%20Revision%20Booklet%202020.pdf>

The first of these is a revision skills pack that looks at different techniques and skills required for the exam season. This pack was explained to the Year 11's on the results morning and can be found on our school website under exams.

**Revision activities by subject -**

<http://www.coxgreen.com/d/static/curriculum/exams%20information/revision%20guides/Year%2011%20Revision%20Plan%202020.pdf>

Alongside this pack a focussed revision activities pack has been produced for all subjects. All subject areas have designed a week by week programme which outlines activities and tasks students should complete to support their revision. Each subject has looked closely at the length of each task and the requirements so that students can manage their revision in order to be fully prepared for the upcoming exams. This programme will lead into our March Mocks, which will focus on English, Maths and Science GCSE exams and will allow staff to design a revision schedule for all subjects specific for your son/daughters needs after the Easter break.

As well as the revisions skills and activities packs, form periods will also be restructured allowing students to work with tutors focusing on core revision skills. The programme will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and encourage students to look at a variety of revision techniques, planning, time management and the ability to analyse key questions. These sessions will have a specific focus on Science, Maths and English, but the skills learnt are transferable to all subjects. The groups will be structured allowing all to progress and the skills suited to them.

I appreciate that this is a stressful time for all Year 11 students and want to reassure you that we also have a keen focus on the well-being of all students. It is key in the upcoming months that we establish an environment that allows all students to make progress in order to achieve to individual potential and achieve long-term goals for next year. To support this, we are planning an evening open to all parents where a specialist Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner will share strategies to support our students in the upcoming months. As

soon as the date has been confirmed, an invitation will be sent. This replaces the revision skills evening planned for January 2020.

A key aspect of this preparation will be the effective use of Doodle and the resources shared by staff. Please can you check your son/daughter has the appropriate log in and password for Doodle. If you require this or have any questions or concerns about the above or any issues regarding your son/daughter, please do not hesitate to contact either Ms Venning on [h.venning@coxgreen.com](mailto:h.venning@coxgreen.com) or myself on [d.edwards1@coxgreen.com](mailto:d.edwards1@coxgreen.com)

Yours sincerely



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