



7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to see so many of you at our second Parents Information Evening of the year. I am writing to summarise the main points that were raised last night and so that those who could not attend have the information as well.

Our Year 11s were amazing last term with the vast majority of them really making the most of our Year 11 offer, and as such we saw their academic progress really start to take off.

We now have the first set of PPEs coming up, starting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November which go on until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. These are an incredibly important set of exams which will help us determine what sort of support each student needs in the run up to the real exams next summer. Students need to prepare for them just like they would the real exams.

To help them do this we have provided students with a PPE timetable which states which topics come up in each exam and with links for them to revise from. These have been sent to their school email addresses.

We also strongly encourage students to prepare for the exams by looking after their personal wellbeing: eating well, sleeping well, exercising regularly and managing your time so that there is a balance between revision and doing the things you enjoy.

As well as the upcoming PPEs, students who study Business, Health & Social, Performing Arts, Music, Sport, or Digital I.T they have PSAs to complete. These are essentially coursework, and they contribute directly to their final grade in GCSEs. Students are completing these in school this term with a deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> December so it is essential that students are in school every day to complete this work. I will send out a Mid-Term BTEC update shortly to show the grade your child is working at in their current component.

I have also put a reminder of the key aspects of the Year 11 strategy below for your reference, since I know that there is a lot to remember!

### **Period 0**

Students must be in school **by 8.35am latest**, to ensure they are here for roll call. They then go straight to Period 0, where they are taught either Maths, English or Science.

### **Period 6**

The school day for Year 11 is extended so that they have a Period 6 which runs from 3pm to 3.55pm (except for on Tuesdays when they finish at 3pm). If a student misses a Period 6 without a valid reason given before, this results in an APC for truancy and a strike. Three strikes in a half term result in students struck out from P6 until a meeting with parents is held.

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## **Working Lunch**

Every lunchtime Year 11s have the option to take their lunch to ICT1 and complete their revision tasks in a supervised, quiet and focussed learning environment.

## **Champions' Hour**

From 4pm-5pm on Mondays to Thursdays (except Tuesdays when it is 3pm-4pm), students have the opportunity to complete Revision Tasks in the Learning Hub in a supervised, quiet and focussed learning environment.

## **Revision Tasks**

Students are set 1 hour of Revision Tasks, per subject, per week. This is set on Thursday, and due the following Thursday. If a student misses a revision task, they will be set a compulsory Champions Hour the following week to complete it. If they miss two tasks, they get two Champions Hours etc. If students do not attend the requisite number of compulsory Champions Hours, then they get a strike.

Finally, here are some key dates for the diary are:

- PPEs (mock exams) run from 17<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> November
- The HBHS Sixth Form Open Evening - 27<sup>th</sup> November
- GCSE Contingency Date - 24<sup>th</sup> June - Do not book a holiday before this date!
- Prom - 2<sup>nd</sup> July

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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