

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful summer and are prepared with your son/daughter for an important year ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some key information and dates to support you as we begin Year 11, as well as explain how we will work with you to maximise the progress of your child in the months to come.

Students have had some slight changes to their tutor groups in order to best support them in the year ahead, Mr Lally will continue to be the Head of Year 11 and the primary pastoral contact will be with Mr Hudson-Hill. Two members of the Senior Leadership Team will be heavily involved with the year group - Mr Dodd (Assistant Head) will be responsible for progress and Mrs Thomas (Head of School)

Student Progress in Year 11

The progress of our students is affected by many factors, both at school and at home, and we are committed to working with you to maximise your son/daughter's chances of success next summer. We cannot stress enough the importance of attendance to school; it is essential that students do all they can to keep their attendance above 96%. Days off during year 11 will result in key topics being missed which could be covered in the final exams. At classroom level, teachers will adapt to the needs of their classes constantly, looking carefully at assessment results and responding to the needs of individuals. The majority of this will be done within the normal school day but sometimes students will need to attend **extra intervention**, either after school or during lunchtime. These sessions are vital to support your child and their final exam results. If they need to miss a session, then please let the school know in advance. Students will be expected to attend on the following evenings, with each session running from 3-4pm.

Monday – Options Subjects

Tuesday – Maths

Wednesday – English

Thursday - Science

PSHE

During form time and assemblies in year 11, students will receive additional support and guidance to prepare them for the next stages of their lives. They will receive key information regarding 6th Form and college applications, apprenticeship details and writing CV's. Alongside this, students will be shown a variety of revision techniques and strategies, revision guides and also various other resources that will help them prepare for the exams. We also realise the importance of mental and physical health during this time, so we will be running some of our PSHE sessions to advise students how they can cope with the demands of Year 11.

Monitoring student progress in Year 11 – key dates

Student progress will be monitored closely by staff throughout the first and second terms, with reports to parents being sent out in **December** and **March**.

Monday 6th October – 6th Form Open Evening

Thursday 16th October – Year 11 exam support evening

Thursday 13th November – Friday 28th November – Mock Exams

Tuesday 10th December – Mock Exam Results

Thursday 11th December – Parents Evening

Tuesday 24th February – Friday 13th March – Mock Exams

Wednesday 25th March – Mock Exam Results

Thursday 26th March – Parents Evening

Tuesday 5th May – Friday 25th June – External Year 11 GCSE Exams

Thursday 20th August – FINAL exam results day

Revision

Research informs us that regular testing and revision throughout the year has huge benefits for learning. As parents, you can also support learning by offering to help your child revise and being aware of when tests and results are coming up. During the year, we will work with students to help them develop effective revision techniques. Subjects will be offering revision or booster sessions. The timing and location of these sessions will be provided to students well in advance. In terms of revision, it is expected that students should be revising or doing homework every night during Year 11. On average students should be spending approximately an hour per night doing this. This does not mean that they cannot do the things they enjoy in their spare time; however, they will need to prioritise their revision and homework. Once this is completed, hobbies, enrichment activities and socialising with friends should be welcomed – balance is key.

In Year 11, students will be getting weekly homework in all subjects. They must ensure this is completed in order to prepare for their exams. In Maths, they will be expected to complete a Maths paper per week, which will be marked by their teachers. The students that do this well and consistently, can expect their Maths final outcome to improve significantly.

Support from parents

Success and progress in Year 11 will be the result of a good partnership between home and school. Please continue to look at your child's work/home learning with them, encouraging them to have a regular routine for doing their home learning and revision. It is important as parents to ensure they are organising themselves, even though we know they are getting older and probably feel that they have moved on from this. Research suggests that the benefits of exercise and a balanced diet/hydration can positively affect attention and wellbeing. In addition, students should be aware of the importance of sleep to them and how essential it is for them to have at least nine hours a night. Probably the best thing you can do to support their progress this year is to help ensure that good

routines are followed, and that their use of phones/games does not affect their sleep and home learning.

Please contact us if there is anything further that we can do in school to help your child become an even more successful Coppice student.

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