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Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Today marks 108 days (or 68 school days) until the first GCSE exam on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Therefore, as we approach the final weeks leading up to the GCSE exams, I want to update you on how we are supporting Year 11 pupils and share ways you can contribute to their success.

### **Breakfast club and after school intervention**

We are pleased to be able to offer substantial out-of-lesson support for Year 11 pupils. The school will be open for Year 11 pupils from 8.00am to 4.30pm, providing a quiet space to work, with Chromebooks available for pupils to be able to complete homework, revision, and controlled assessment.

Subject intervention sessions will also take place during these times for pupils who require some additional teacher support. Some pupils will receive specific invitations to these sessions based on identified areas of improvement. We expect those invited to attend and have included the intervention timetable for your reference.

### **Rewards**

While the ultimate reward is the pride in achieving excellent results, we acknowledge the challenging period leading up to the exams. To encourage hard work, we've introduced a rewards system specifically for Year 11. Points will be awarded for good attendance, punctuality, participation in intervention sessions, and completion of homework, among other things during the countdown period.

The Top 100 points earners will be announced every Monday and will receive prizes during Monday break time. There will be larger prizes on offer throughout the countdown to exams.

### **Pre-public examinations round two**

From Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, a second set of PPE exams will take place. These exams provide a final opportunity for pupils to practice in an environment similar to the summer exams. PPEs are an extremely important part of effective exam preparation and therefore attendance to these PPEs is compulsory.



## **Attendance**

Maintaining regular attendance is paramount for success. At the Ellis Guilford School, there is a strong positive correlation of high attendance and exam success.

Currently, over 10% of Year 11 pupils are absent on any given day. The lesson content they miss will not be caught up on before the exams. Year 11 pupils are expected to be at school every day.

A pupil with 90% attendance between now and the first exam translates to seven missed days of school which is the same as 35 hours of lost learning. This loss will almost certainly impact a pupils' ability to answer questions confidently, potentially affecting the grades they will achieve across all subjects. Your support in ensuring daily attendance, including scheduling appointments outside school hours, will greatly contribute to your child's success. Please do let us know if you are struggling with your child's attendance and we'll be happy to help in any way we can.

## **Study leave and the exam period**

This year, there will not be any study leave for any Year 11 pupils. The most valuable place for pupils until the last exam is in school, learning from subject experts. Each pupil will receive a personalised 'exit timetable', directing them to lessons where exams are still to take place. This arrangement will continue throughout the exam season, and pupils are expected to attend school as usual.

This Year 11 cohort has real promise to do exceptionally well. We must all now support them to achieve their full potential. I'd like to thank you for your continued support during this crucial time, and thank you in advance for ensuring that Year 11 pupils:

- Attend school every day
- Attend the revision sessions they have been invited to attend
- Use the time before and after school to access support from teachers outside of lessons
- Complete all homework – the majority of this is set on Sparx and Seneca
- Continue to have a positive attitude towards preparing for their exams

**Working together, we can help our Year 11 pupils achieve their best possible outcomes.**

Yours faithfully,

*Mrs Johnson*

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Head of School



## Year 11 Intervention Timetable 2023-24

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast club (8.00 – 8.40)	Maths* (G214) English* (G109 extended until 9.10)	Child Development (D5) English* (G109 extended until 9.10)	Science – Chemistry (A2) English* (G109 extended until 9.10)	English* (G109 extended until 9.10)	Child Development (D5) Art (C7) Science – Biology (C1) English* (G109 extended until 9.10)
8.00am – 8.40am	Independent Study (A7 & A9)	Independent Study (A7 & A9)	Independent Study (A7 & A9)	Independent Study (A7 & A9)	Independent Study (A7 & A9)
Break 1	Art (C7 - Component 2)	Art (C7 - Component 2) BTEC Health and Social Care (D4 - supported revision)	History (G202 - supported revision) Art (C6 - Component 2)	History (G202 - supported revision) Art (C6 - Component 2)	History (G202 - supported revision) Art (C7 - Component 2)
Break 2	BTEC Health and Social Care (D4 - supported revision)		History (G202 - supported revision)	History (G202 - supported revision) BTEC Design (B8 - Targeted Support)	History (G202 - supported revision) BTEC Health and Social Care (D4 - supported revision)
Period 6 (15.10 – 16.10)	Art (C7 - Component 1) Geography (G102/G103) Science (A2) CNAT Sport (G224)	CNAT Sport (G224) Maths* (G210 & G212) English* (G109/ G110) Further maths (G205)	Maths* (G205) English* (G110)	Art (C7 - Component 2) Photography (B9) CNAT Sport (G224) Maths* (G210)	RS (D1 - 20 mins impact session) CNAT Sport (G224) Film Studies (G220) French FT (A9)



	English* (G104)	Drama (G220) Dance (G226)		English* (G109) Music (G220) BTEC Design (B8)	
3.10pm – 4.10pm	Independent Study (A7 & A9)	Independent Study (A7 & A9)	Independent Study (A7 & A9)	Independent Study (A7 & A9)	Independent Study (A7 & A9)

**\* = Invite Only**