



25 May 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

As you are aware, Year 11 is rapidly approaching for our Year 10 students. After two years of interrupted education in schools, we are committed to ensure our young adults leave the Academy reaching their full potential.

We want our Year 10 students to be as prepared as possible for their final exams in Summer 2022, therefore there are strategies we are putting into place earlier than previous, to ensure Covid-19 does not have a negative impact on their futures.

Extended School Day

Due to Covid-19, our students have lost a significant amount of face-to-face teaching of the curriculum that will be examined in Summer 2022. The main initiative we are putting in place to ensure catch up, is to extend school day for all Year 10 students every day of the week between 14:45 and 15:45 which will be referred to as Period 4. These lessons will be delivered largely by their classroom teachers and will commence straight after half term, **week commencing 7 June 2021**.

The extra sessions will be as follows:

Monday	English/Maths
Tuesday	Science/P.E
Wednesday	Q Option/R Option
Thursday	English/Maths
Friday	Science/P Option/S Option

Your child will be given a new timetable on the first day back after half term. Attendance to Period 4 is compulsory and a school bus will be provided at 3:45pm to support those travelling on public transport to Wentworth or Harley.

Year 10 Trial Exams

Students in Year 10 will be sitting Trial Exams during the weeks commencing **Monday 21 June 2021** and **Monday 28 June 2021**.

The aim of the trial exams is to:

- Replicate what will happen in the summer exams
- Show students how well they can achieve when they implement a revision programme
- Assess student knowledge by highlighting areas of strength and areas of development
- Inform future teaching and revision
- Give a true indication of where students are in order to predict a final result

During the trial exam period, homework will be focused on revision so that students are aided in their exam preparation. The exams will take place in the exam hall, to give an experience and to build a familiarity of the final exams experience.

The final exam timetable will be provided to students on Thursday 27 May 2021.

If you have any questions regarding either of the above initiatives, please contact myself, Mr J Fleming, or Mr M Bray on our emails that can be found on the school website.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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