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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you to update you on our ongoing provision and support for your child. There is understandably a desire to know how students in exam years are supported across a period of strike action. Our Year 11 students have had specialist Trust staff and our SLT subject teachers teaching them across recent strike days, with lessons continuing their existing schemes. The support outlined below began in the summer of Year 10, and continues now.

**Daily processes:**

From the start of the academic year, students in Year 11 have been placed in new form groups with subject specialist form tutors and have had 2 academic intervention sessions each week as part of our Personal Development programme.

Our Trust Directors for Maths and English have been working with groups in Year 11 since the Autumn term, and this has continued over the past weeks. It will continue through to the exam season and across it. This has focused on our question level analysis of mocks and practice papers that have highlighted areas for improvement and trends.

A daily revision breakfast will start after the next round of PPE results allowing students support with revision habits and staffed by selected members of our team.

During the exam period, our immersion timetable will give students bespoke study sessions based upon the schedule of exams. As courses complete and subject exams are sat, a greater volume of sessions are run in subjects for upcoming exams.

Year 11 have an allocated SLT staff member focused solely on their outcomes, attendance and intervention programmes; key students have been allocated lead staff members to mentor and support with any pressing issues both academically and pastorally.

**Weekly processes:**

Our pastoral structure has been enhanced from the start of the academic year with appointments of Progress Leaders in each year group. Mrs Cuthbert has the remit of increasing Year 11 progress alongside Mrs Clucas.

Since the Autumn term, there have been Period 6 (P6) sessions for specific subjects that are recurring across the year.

Our Cottingham Tutorial sessions for all of Year 11 started as planned in January, with a focus on core subjects and Humanities in the coming weeks.

## **Cottingham Tutorial Sessions**

**15<sup>th</sup> January:** English

**22<sup>nd</sup> January:** Science

**29<sup>th</sup> January:** Maths

**5<sup>th</sup> February:** Study and Revision skills

Since the start of the year we have invested in wellbeing support for Year 11 with our school Mindfulness and Wellbeing Coach, Hayley Buchan; we continue to have slots open for students who can find the exam year a stressful time. Students have also had mindset sessions from T2, a company specialising in high performance and aspiration.

### **Intervention plans**

In addition to the weekly Cottingham Tutorials and P6 offer, we will also be running a range of targeted February and Easter revision. Students will be selected for the highest impact sessions for them, and we have identified areas that will be most beneficial to advance progress. Students will receive invites for these shortly.

	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
AM session (9am- 12pm)	English (Literature: Power and Conflict poetry Target Group 1 & 2)	Maths (Higher)  English (Jekyll & Hyde Target group 1)  Child Development  Health and Social Care (Coursework)	Sport (Paper 1 & 2)  Business (Synoptic assessment support)	Geography (Content)  History (Content)	Science (Physics content and calculation Target group)
PM session (12pm- 3pm)	English (Literature: Power and Conflict poetry Target Group 3 & 4)	Maths (Foundation)  English (Jekyll & Hyde Target group 2)  Health and Social Care (Exam revision)	Sport (Paper 1 & 2)  Business (Synoptic assessment support)	Geography (Technique)  History (Technique)	

### **Online platforms**

We have invested in a range of online platforms to support students with both revision and retrieval-based activities:

[Educake](#) has been bolstered with an extended subscription for all applicable subjects

[Seneca](#) remains an option for students to access key revision content

[GCSEPod](#) will be launched for students, with unlimited access for all subjects

## **Resourcing**

Additional revision resources and any additional revision guides that students require will be **purchased by the school** after PPE exams.

Students in need of support for revision planning and timetabling will have this offered to them both as part of their PD curriculum, as well as on an individual basis should they wish.

## **Parent events**

We have calendared parent events to support students across their exam year, looking at ways to support your child as well as providing information. One of these occurred in the Autumn term, and we have a session planned for parents as part of the upcoming PPE cycle. All details of support can be found in the attached Year 11 path to success plan.

Kind regards



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