

January 22nd 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

Year 11 Support, Revision & Exam Arrangements for 2019

As you will appreciate, this is a very significant time for Year 11. As their examinations approach, the end is in sight, and students realise the importance of working hard in order to achieve the grades of which they are capable. Parents and carers are providing a great deal of support and motivation at home. This letter is to let you know what extra support and revision we are providing in school, and to explain what will be happening in the weeks running up to and during the exam phase.

Revision Packs

Revision resources for each subject are on FP-Online under the Year 11 Revision Resources tab. Within this site are links to subject-specific revision websites, revision guides, and past papers with their associated markschemes and examiners' reports.

Year 11 Exam preparation & revision information evening – 31st January 2019

At 7:00pm on Thursday 31st January we are running an "Exam Preparation & Revision" evening for Year 11 students and parents. These evenings are a great source of information and ideas for parents and students on how to get excellent results in the summer. There will be a mixture of revision tips, practical advice, extra resources and a chance to network with other parents. This is a repeat of the session we ran in September. Parents who were not able to attend the September evening are strongly advised to attend. Those who did come in September are welcome to attend again, should they wish. Students are very welcome to attend as well as parents.

w/c 18.3.19

Exam Timetables

While students already have a draft exam schedule, during this week personalised exam timetables will also be given out. It is important that students check these thoroughly so they know when their exams are. Making a copy of this timetable is often a good idea. A public exams handbook for Students and Parents is available to download from the school website for guidance on all aspects of the exams season. Students will also receive the official JCQ exam regulations information with their timetables. We recommend that you discuss these with your son/daughter to ensure that they are absolutely clear about expectations of how they conduct themselves during exams.

Easter Holidays 6.4.19 – 22.4.19

Revision

The Easter break represents an excellent opportunity for your son/daughter to do some really thorough revision and preparation for their exams. All students have already received a range of study and revision skills support that they should be able to put to good use over the holiday. An overview of these strategies will be covered at our information evening on the 31st January (and were also covered in September). A full selection of revision material, including sample assessment material, is available in the Year 11 Revision Resources section on FP-Online. Any students who do not have access to a printer or the internet at home should let the Raising Achievement team know by Friday 22nd March. A revision pack will then be prepared for them.

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13.5.19 – 24.5.19

Exam Phase 1

The main body of exams starts in full on Monday 13th May. There will be a full revision / final preparation programme throughout the exam period, with subject-specific preparation sessions as short a time as possible before the exam. (This will normally be the afternoon before a morning exam or the morning before an afternoon exam – where it doesn't clash with another exam). During *Exam Phase 1*, students will either be in an exam, a revision session for that exam or in their normal lessons. When in normal lessons, students will have a choice of either working with their teacher for that subject or to revise for another subject – quiet study will be expected. However, students will not be expected to attend tutor time and will thus not be required in school until 8:45 if they have a 9:00am exam or 9:10 if they are going to normal lessons or a revision session. When students have an afternoon exam they will be permitted to leave the school site as soon as the exam finishes.

3.6.19 – 17.6.19

Exam Phase 2

From Monday 3rd June *Exam Phase 2* starts. During this phase students will attend their exams and the associated revision sessions. When they are not in an exam or a revision session they will have Home Study, where they will be expected to be working at home preparing for their next exam.

Details of the revision programme that will run during Exam Phases 1 & 2 will be published shortly after the exam boards confirm the final exam timetable.

Exam Contingency Day – 26th June 2019

Exam boards have designated a 'contingency' day for the 26th June. Its purpose is for the event of widespread, sustained national or local disruption to examinations. Your sons/daughters are reminded that they must remain available until Wednesday 26th June 2019, should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

Please take a few moments to review this examination support package with your son/daughter. If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me – either by phone (01628 625308) or email (james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net).

Yours sincerely,



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