

Dear parents and carers of Year 11 students,

The purpose of this letter is to give you an overview of the opportunities the academy is providing to Year 11 students to support their revision and what you can do as a parent/carer to reiterate these key messages at home. Should you have any questions or concerns during the examinations, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Reynolds (Y11 Learning Manager) at the academy on 01977 624220.

Firstly, **Tuesday 25 April is Parents' Evening**, which is a virtual event where you can make appointments to speak to class teachers. You have already received a letter about this but in case you missed it, follow this link here: <https://www.hemsworth.outwood.com/posts/6016>
As part of Year 11 parents' evening, I am holding **two live-streamed presentations for parents/carers** to share further information about the examinations, which will include short messages from the Heads of English, Maths, Science and the Humanities. I will also explain the changes to students' timetables from Monday 15 May 2023 and how students must conduct themselves during the examinations. The first presentation will be at 4.30pm and second presentation at 5.30pm with the links to join shared below.

Principal's Presentation 1 - 4.30pm	https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/20daa331-d477-4b6a-b78c-8a19849aa277
Principal's Presentation 2 - 5.30pm	https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/ab948ffc-4973-47ed-94dd-5e50e2be2619

You can join the live-streamed presentations and leave at any time, if you need to join a teacher meeting. Please note the presentation content will be the same for both timings, that the presentations will also be recorded and added to our website for any parents/carers who miss these due parents' evening appointments or other commitments.

Attendance and punctuality is absolutely essential for a number of reasons. Firstly, all classes are completing final learning, coursework and revision, every single minute in lessons will count. Punctuality during exams is essential as if students arrive late they risk being disqualified from their exam; therefore, your support in ensuring students arrive at the academy and have good attendance each day is greatly appreciated.

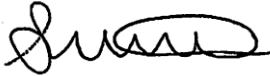
Furthermore, students **maintaining good habits for their wellbeing** during the exam, including getting enough sleep and eating sensibly, is important as we all recognise that exams can be stressful. These self-care factors support students to be resilient, manage their preparation and revision. You can find out more information about how the academy supports mental health and wellbeing by following this link <https://www.hemsworth.outwood.com/mental-wellbeing> or pressing the green 'Mental Wellbeing' on our website homepage.

Finally, I would like to **commend Year 11 students on their excellent attitude following their return to the academy after the Easter break**. They have come back eager to work hard, have shown maturity and strong engagement in lessons. Many of them have already started final assessments or have exams for subjects such as languages, drama, music and art before the full cohort exams start on Tuesday 16 May. Please can I ask that you encourage your child to attend all

after school enrichment sessions (2.30-3.30pm) and log onto our subject director Masterclasses (4-8pm) that start this week. The links to next week's Masterclasses can be accessed via [QR codes shared on this link](#). Masterclass timetables will be updated each week so students can use this valuable resource as part of their revision.

I very much look forward to seeing you all, with our Year 11 students, on Thursday 24 August 2023 when students collect their GCSE and BTEC results and we celebrate their successes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Day', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mrs S Day
Principal