

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

## Friday 18th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers of students in Year 11.

It was great to see so many of you at the information evening on Tuesday. Thank you very much for your support. I hope this has helped to give you as much information as possible to help support your child through this important year.

As promised, please see attached to this letter:

- A PDF version of the presentation slides (including the year 11 dates timeline)
- The **Year 11 study survival guide** (this gives you the links to exam specifications and links to past papers on pages 11 and 12 respectively).
- Suggested revision guides and textbooks to aid GCSE study.
- The "audit sheet"

## **Revision and Study**

We hope that the above information is useful for all parents and students. As mentioned at the evening, it is the expectation that students complete at least **2 hours of revision and study each night**. In total, students should engage in 12 hours of additional study spread out across the full week in manageable chunks.

## In school "Directed Study" period

All year 11 have one session a fortnight as a "directed study" on their timetable. This takes place for everyone on an <u>odd week session 1 on a Friday</u>. Students are expected to bring enough work/past papers/textbooks to help them engage in meaningful and productive study at school. These sessions are supervised by a member of staff and are conducted in silence. Students are not allowed a mobile phone but may bring a laptop if they wish (but not compulsory). Students should use this time wisely for the completion of homework and study.

## **Contacting the school**

When contacting the school via email, please make sure to state the full name of your child and their form group in the email.

Thank you again for your support. If you have any further questions or queries, then please contact me directly or speak to your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year (Mrs J Deane).

Yours sincerely,

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