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Dear Parents and Carers

SUPPORT FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS – ENGLISH, MATHS AND SCIENCE FOCUS

As a parent or carer of a child in Year 11, it is often this point in their school career that they feel an increased pressure of the upcoming exam season. For those doing some of the more practical subjects, they may have already had a taste of their first official assessment. For the majority, the **main exam season starts on 9th May. Students are expected in school until 20th May, in lessons when not in exams.** Students will get their personalised exam timetable in April.

A summary of the support that is being provided for students in Maths, English, Science (EMS) and from the pastoral team is below.

General support

- Students have been shown how to revise generally and in a subject specific way.
- 'Everything but the Kitchen Sink' evening to help parents/carers to support their Y11 children – link to resources: <https://www.stjohns.excalibur.org.uk/exams/yr-11-revision-evening/>
- Detailed and personalised mock exam feedback in EMS.
- Remaining lessons adapted to work on topic areas where students did less well.
- Detailed revision lists given to students.
- Quality First Teaching where teachers focus on teaching methods which are most helpful for student learning eg modelling of how to answer exam questions, practice remembering key facts, targeted support for individual students during the lesson, feedback on lesson content/assessment.
- School-Led Tutoring sessions after-school for invited students.
- Tutor time support for general effective revision techniques, time for subject revision, tutors checking-in on students' wellbeing signposting for support where necessary.
- Wellbeing support by tutors, key worker (Miss V Burgess), Head of Year (Mr K Jeffries), counsellor referral where appropriate, support in the Hub.
- Quiet study space in the library and a dedicated Y11 study space in G182 on Mondays, Wednesdays and week 2 Thursdays. The library also sells stationery and revision guides.

Maths – Mrs E Keen

- Second maths mock exam 5th and 6th March to inform staff and students about areas of strength and areas to focus lessons and revision on.
- Tier of entry decisions (foundation or higher) to best support student achievement.
- Paper society – past paper practice with teacher support – Mondays 3pm.
- Topic-based revision sessions – teacher led – Mondays 3pm.
- Easter revision day for invited students.
- Start of lessons focus on fluency of key skills.
- Use of Goal-Free Problems where students are given information that they would get in a question and have to find out anything they can from that information: <https://bitly.ws/3dT3S>.
- Weekly tutor time intervention.
- Resources: Sparx maths revision lists for Foundation, Higher, and cross-over topics found in both tiers, past papers; [Corbett Maths](#); [Maths Genie](#).

English – Mr M Wilson

- Topic and skills-based Literature and Language revision sessions – Thursdays 3pm
- Catch up sessions for students who have missed literature texts
- Weekly tutor time intervention
- Resources: [Educake](#); [GCSEPod](#) 'playlists'; Sharepoint resources (past papers, digital work books; free EMC Literature resources etc...)

Science – Mrs L Wilkins

- Topic-based revision sessions – Tuesdays 3pm
- Focus on accurate use of scientific vocabulary.
- Resources: [Cognito Science](#), [Seneca learning](#), [My Physics and Maths Tutor](#), [BBC Bitesize](#) and [Oak National Academy](#), [Required Practicals videos](#)

Beyond Y11

- All Y11s will have had:
 - A careers appointment by Easter if they haven't already
 - A session at our Moving On Fair
 - Sessions on using [Unifrog](#), a valuable website for information about next steps, careers and employers. Students have login information.
- Many useful resources on the [careers page](#) on our website.
- Support for students making applications for next steps. Those applying here for Sixth Form have had their interviews and there is support for applications elsewhere.

Further questions

If you have further questions please get in touch through enquiries@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk and say who you would like your question to go to.

Yours faithfully



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