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Dear Yr 11 Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Updates and information for the Autumn Term

Two weeks ago, you were invited to your first Yr 11 Parents Evening, this was to check how students had settled into their final GCSE year and to keep you up to date with any issues. Last week, you were also invited to the KS4 support your child with revision, evening. Hopefully there were lots of positives from these meetings, but also things to work on for the upcoming exams. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding your child, your first point of contact should be their tutor. If you have any broader concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at z.turner@lces.dhmat.org.uk

Mock Exams

The first round of Mock Exams begin on Monday the 9th November. In preparation for their exams, students will have been set revision homework and have been continuing with retrieval tasks in lessons. We have also rotated our tutor groups in order for students to have access to English, Maths, Science and Humanities specialists who can help them with last minute revision.

At home, we hope that students have been completing the regular homework and revision tasks. With the half term break approaching, we also hope students will take some extra time to revise. Yes, a rest is needed, but structure is also important, we firmly believe that the best way to reduce stress during exams is to be prepared. With this in mind, we have designed a suggested revision timetable for the week and attached it to this letter.

Students have been taught different revision methods in their lessons and have been advised to aim for 20-30min revision tasks. They have also been signposted to various revision resources on our school website.

Hopefully students are also eating, hydrating and sleeping well in preparation for exams. If you are concerned about your child throughout the exam period, or have any questions regarding exams, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Attendance

We know that the best way for students to get good grades is for them to have high levels of attendance in their lessons. We have already shared last year's data with students on several occasions.

English Language 2026 results:

<95% attendance = 51.1% achieved G4+ vs 85.2% for those here >95% of the time

English Literature 2026 results:

<95% attendance = 44.7% achieved G4+ vs 77.8% for those here >95% of the time

Maths 2026 results:

<95% attendance = 42.6% achieved G4+ vs 85.2% for those here >95% of the time

Good attendance is vital to set students up for their chosen career pathways. If we are concerned about your child's attendance, we will have notified you by letter. We may also have invited you in to meet with us. Please work with us and keep us informed so that we can support your child in the most appropriate way.

Summer Ball

Once again, we will be celebrating the end of Year 11 with a shirt signing afternoon and a fancy-dress leaver's morning. Preparations for the Summer Ball are also well underway.

Eligibility for the Summer Ball is 94% attendance and no suspensions. You will also have already read that Mr Stoppard will pay for the ticket of any student with 100% attendance and no suspensions. This is a fantastic offer we hope many will benefit from.

Future Parent Meetings

Following the November Mocks, students will have a Mock Results Afternoon on the 7th December and another Parents Evening on the 10th December. This meeting will be with subject teachers and will give us a further opportunity to discuss any issues or support required.

All that remains is to wish our amazing students the best of luck for the upcoming exams; we hope all their hard work pays off.

Yours sincerely



Zoe Turner
Head of KS4

Time	Fri23 Oct	Sat24 Oct	Sun25 Oct	Mon26 Oct	Tues27 Oct	Wed28 Oct	Thurs29 Oct	Fri30 Oct	Sat31 Oct	Sun1 Nov						
08:30 - 09:00	Fri23 Oct	Wake up, get ready	Wake up, get ready	Wake up, get ready	Wake up, get ready	Wake up, get ready	Wake up, get ready	Wake up, get ready	Wake up, get ready	Sun1 Nov						
09:00 - 09:30		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast							
09:30 - 10:30		Maths	English	Relax	Maths	English	Maths	English	Maths							
10:30 - 10:45		BREAK	BREAK		BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK							
10:45 - 11:45		Science	Science		Science	RS	Science	Science	Science							
11:45 - 12:00		RS	Science		RS	Science	RS	Science	RS							
12:00 - 13:00		BREAK	BREAK		Day off: Relax	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK							
13:00 - 14:00		LUNCH	LUNCH			LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		LUNCH					
14:00 - 15:00		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH							
15:00 - 16:00		Day off: Relax	Downtime - Sports/Walk/Friends	Relax	Relax	Relax	Relax	Downtime	Downtime							
16:00 - 16:15	Maths										English	Maths	English	Maths	English	Maths
16:15 - 16:45	English										Maths	English	Maths	English	Maths	English
16:45 - 22:00	BREAK										BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
22:00 - 23:00	Option:2										Option:3	Science	Option:1	Option:2	Option:3	Option:1
Downtime - Friends/Dinnertime/Hobbies/Relaxation/TV/Walk the dog/Shower/Bed - 5hrs 15min																