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HEADTEACHER: Mr T Hardcastle

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Dear Parent/guardian,

Re: Y11 – Key dates and events

I am writing to inform you of important information regarding key dates and events for our current Y11 students.

Study Skills Session: Thursday 24th October, 2024 - 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Firstly, I would like to say a massive well done to our Year 11 students on the positive start they have made this term. Year 11 teachers and tutors have commented that their attitude towards learning has been excellent in lessons.

As we look towards the future, we want to share our commitment to supporting our young people in achieving the best results possible for their qualifications. We understand how important these achievements are for their future, and we are dedicated to providing the necessary resources and assistance to help them succeed. Our team is working hard to implement various support systems, including tutoring, mentoring, and additional learning resources. We believe that with the right support, our students can reach their full potential.

On Thursday, 24th October, we are pleased to be hosting the Y11 Study Skills Evening.

This session will outline exam requirements and offer bespoke revision techniques for each EBACC subject. There will also be opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have regarding each subject. You will carousel through the different subjects and the schedule will be confirmed to you when you arrive at WSSC on Thursday 24th October.

The evening will provide a great platform as we prepare students for their first set of mock exams in Y11, commencing in early December. Students demonstrated excellent effort and resilience in their previous mock exams and we only intend on building on this success. Students learn how to access exams as part of their normal curriculum but we recognise that parents are also highly influential on their child's success and so wish to support you with as many strategies as possible to support your child from home. In addition to this, we are providing Revision Guides for the EBACC subjects, the students can use these throughout the year and return them at the end of Year 11. Please be aware that you may require a bag to carry these.

Parking will be limited on the night. To ensure a smooth experience for everyone, we kindly ask, if possible, that you consider finding alternative arrangements when attending Wickersley School and Sports College. If you plan to attend the evening, please complete the Google form provided below. This will help us with the necessary arrangements. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/WGHhAPAtYPae1HBa8>



Data Collection: Monday 11th November 2024, Monday 20th January and Monday 24th March 2025

As part of our ongoing efforts to monitor and support your child's progress, the school will be issuing further effort and data collection reports in November, January and March.

These reports will provide valuable insights into your child's current academic performance and their approach to learning. Specifically, the reports will include:

1. **Effort Grades:** An evaluation of your child's attitude towards learning, including their participation in class, completion of homework, and overall commitment to their studies.
2. **Progress Data:** A summary of your child's achievement in each subject, comparing their current progress to expected targets. This will highlight areas of strength and any subjects where additional focus may be needed.

The reports will serve as a helpful tool for both you and your child, offering a clear overview of their academic journey so far this year. Additionally, the data will allow us to identify students who may benefit from further support or extension opportunities.

Y11 Mocks Friday 6th - Friday 20th December 2024:

Mock exams play a vital role in assessing students' understanding of the material they have studied, and help identify areas where further support may be needed. These exams also serve as an essential practice run, familiarising students with exam conditions and the format of the final GCSE exams.

With this in mind, we would greatly appreciate your involvement to ensure that each student is well-prepared and confident going into their mocks.

Y11 Parents Evening Thursday 30th January 2025:

You will have the opportunity to have a face to face meeting with your child's subject teachers. More detailed information regarding this event will be available at a later date.

If you have any questions or would like further advice on how to support your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support! Your partnership is greatly appreciated as we work together to support your child's success. Together, we can create a positive and nurturing environment that helps them thrive academically and personally.

Kind regards

Mr Wong
Assistant Headteacher

Mr Hammill
Head of KS4