

The
Portsmouth Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 11 Revision Support

As we approach the final full term of Year 11 it is timely to draw everyone's attention to the support and structures being put in place for your child ahead of their final period of revision and mock preparation.

In wanting to give all Year 11s the best possible opportunities and chances for success, Year 11 students will, throughout their remaining time at TPA, experience a range of support, revision workshops and organised intervention support to aid their preparations for successful exam performance in the Spring Term. Teachers have spent the last few weeks analysing the data from the recent mock exams and planning the next steps.

Lunch Time and Period 6 Sessions

Teachers have been identifying students for targeted intervention that will be invited to additional sessions for that subject. These sessions will run during lunch times and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday after school 3:00-4:00. They have been structured to make them bespoke for the students that are attending, giving students access to their subject specialists without compromising any other subjects.

Registers will be taken to track attendance. Where students are invited they will be expected to attend every available session. Rewards and praise opportunities will be celebrated for successful attendance.

Christmas Home-Learning

The Christmas break provides an ideal opportunity for the students to work through areas of improvement from the mocks. Your child's teachers have been briefed on how to provide support in the form of structured revision over the break. Please encourage your child to complete this work, which amounts to 2-3 hours per subject over the course of the break.

Revision

The earlier revision begins, the more successful students will be. Beginning in January students will be able to independently revise during Tutor Time and PSHE sessions. Their tutors will be able to support them. At home revision should be taking place routinely. Parents can help by finding their child a quiet place to study.

Attendance and Punctuality

As ever students should be aspiring to 100% attendance. This is particularly important as many subjects are covering NEAs that require a certain number of hours and missed days at school cannot always be caught up upon.

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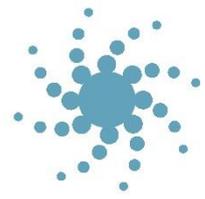


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The Year 11 mantra that Miss Hart (Head of Year 11) has discussed during assemblies recently is that 'every minute counts'. The school day begins at 8:40 by which time students need to be seated in their tutor bases and lessons begin promptly. Students need to move from lesson to lesson quickly in order to ensure that they make the most of every lesson. I would appreciate if you could discuss the importance of this with your child.

Mock 2

The second round of mocks exams will run from 7th - 18th February. Students will sit assessments from all of their subjects in order to once again give teachers and students up to date information about their strengths and areas for improvement. It is crucial that students take this mock seriously and revise hard in preparation for them. In the unlikely event that exams in June are cancelled, the mock papers will be used to inform the Teacher Assessed Grade.

Thank you as ever for your support,

Chris Andrews
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