

January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I write this letter it is just 15 school weeks before Year 11 start their GCSE exams. All Castle Academy staff are here to help them along every step of the next few months.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the additional ways we are supporting Year 11 students:

<p>Lesson 1</p> <p>8.30 – 9.00</p> <p>Mon - Thu</p>	<p>Starting 6th January 2020</p> <p>This time has been given to EBacc subjects in addition to the normal lesson time. Subjects delivered on each day are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Maths • Tuesday – Science • Wednesday – English • Thursday – Humanities / Modern Foreign Languages
<p>In School Preparation</p>	<p>Starting 6th January 2020</p> <p>Personal Development time has now become EBacc subjects revision/home learning and quick testing lessons. During this time, students are supported in creating their weekly revision timetable and given revision and homework materials from all subjects. H band students hand in this work in each Monday and C band students hand in this work each Tuesday. This work does not replace any homework or revision given by their class teacher.</p>
<p>Lesson 8</p> <p>3.30 – 4.30</p> <p>Mon - Thu</p>	<p>Starting 20th January 2020</p> <p>This lesson is compulsory for identified students. Students are identified by Heads of Department and Senior Leaders. These lessons are tailored to address gaps in knowledge, ensure students catch up on missed class or controlled assessment work. You will receive further information from Heads of Department if your child has been identified to attend.</p>
<p>Saturday School</p> <p>9.00 – 12.00</p>	<p>Starting 18th January 2020</p> <p>Subjects delivered initially are Maths, Science and Humanities. You will receive further information from Heads of Department if your child has been identified to attend.</p>

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Key dates:

- 6th February 2020 additional Year 11 Parents' Evening for identified students 6pm to 7pm
- 2nd March to 13th March 2020 – Year 11 Mock Exams
- 2nd April 2020 – Year 11 Parent's Evening for all students 4pm to 6.30pm
- 11th May to 24th June 2020 – GCSE Exams

Year 11 Key contacts:

- Mrs Murphy, Head of Year Year 11 zmurphy@castlehall.com 07708 796626
- Mr A Parsons, Progress Leader apasrons@castlehall.com 01924 520500

I ask for your assistance in ensuring your child takes full advantage of the additional support offered. Having access to additional learning opportunities / time with teachers is a great opportunity at this very important time in their educational journey.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Brook
Headteacher

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