## The Canterbury Academy



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Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. With just 65 school days left until your child starts taking formal exams, I wanted to share with you some updates for our Year 11 students. From Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, we shall be starting some new initiatives to support Year 11 students with their studies.

| What                      | Where and when   | Why   |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Rising Stars Breakfast    | Room 8 from 8am-8:45am   | A quiet space for Year 11 to revise and complete their Kent   |
| Club                      | Monday-Friday  | choices 4U application form, with a free breakfast and drink. |
| Year 11 Lunch Club        | Room 31 from 1:15-1:55pm   | A quiet space for Year 11 to revise and complete their Kent   |
|                           | Monday- Friday   | choices4U application form, whilst eating their lunch.        |
| Challenge Card – 'Perfect | allenge Card – 'Perfect During the school day Students are encouraged to |   |
| week'                     |  | Each week, pupils have 3 targets to meet; Attend 3            |
|                           |  | intervention sessions, have 100% attendance and finally       |
|                           |  | have positive net conduct points. If pupils meet these, they  |
|                           |  | will receive a contribution towards their prom ticket.        |
| Excellence in Lesson      | During the school day  | Excellence cards' will be handed out to pupils that are       |
| Cards                     |  | highlighted as working above and beyond in lessons. When      |
|                           |  | a pupil receives 5 of these cards, they can exchange these    |
|                           |  | for a £5 amazon voucher.                                      |

In order to fully prepare our students for the challenges of the summer examination period in 2024, we have planned some Mock Examinations for the week commencing **Monday**, **5**<sup>th</sup> **February**, for two school weeks. To support this Mock Examinations window, please find attached our Revision Information booklet which gives details about what topics will be assessed. Furthermore, we have also produced an examinations support page on our website. On there you will find useful tips and advice on how your child can make the most of their revision time, how to keep any examination nerves under control and guidance for parents/carers on how to support your children through this examination season: https://www.canterbury.kent.sch.uk/canterbury-academy/exams-support/

| Date                                | Morning examinations<br>(8:45am meet in room 301) | Afternoon examinations<br>(12:55pm meet in the Quad)    |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February     | History/Geography paper 1                         | Music paper 1   |  |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February    | English Language paper 2                          | Sociology paper 1<br>Computing paper 1                  |  |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February  | Maths paper 1                                     | Biology paper 2<br>Functional Skills Science            |  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February   | Chemistry paper 2                                 | Dance paper 1<br>Drama paper 1                          |  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February     | English Literature paper 1                        | French paper 1<br>Spanish paper 1                       |  |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February    | History/Geography paper 2                         | GCSE P.E paper 1  |  |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February   | English Literature paper 2                        | Religious Studies                                       |  |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February | Maths paper 2                                     | Sociology paper 2                                       |  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February  | Physics paper 2                                   | French paper 2<br>Spanish paper 2                       |  |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February    | Maths paper 3                                     | Catch up session<br>(if there were examination clashes) |  |

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I am delighted to inform you that we are able to offer our Year 11 students the opportunity to attend our February half term support sessions, which aim to support them further in their progress, confidence and understanding within their academic subjects. Please find below a schedule of support sessions that our Year 11 students can access:

| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Food       | Hair & Beauty   | Computer      | 3D Design   | French      | Spanish     |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                          | APE Rm101b | EMI Rm 101a     | Science - LJA | VSC Room 93 | PPO Room 58 | CIS Room 57 |
|                          | 9am-3pm    | 9am-3pm         | Room 22       | 9am-3pm     | 9.30-12pm   | 9-12pm      |
|                          |            |                 | 9-3pm         |             |             |             |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> | HSC &      | Photography and |               |             |             |             |
|                          | Childcare  | Art             |               |             |             |             |
|                          | SCA Rm101b | PBA Room 46/47  |               |             |             |             |
|                          | 9am-12pm   | 9.00-3pm        |               |             |             |             |
| Wednesday                | Food       |                 |               |             |             |             |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>         | JWE Rm101b |                 |               |             |             |             |
|                          | 9am-3pm    |                 |               |             |             |             |
| Thursday                 | Drama      | Music           |               |             |             |             |
| 15th                     | 9am-1pm    | AFR Rm306       |               |             |             |             |
|                          |            | 9am-3pm         |               |             |             |             |

I also wanted to share with you again a schedule of revision sessions for Senior School students to access support.

## Year 11 Support Sessions 2023-2024

|                        | Week A                |                    |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Day Monday             |                       | Tuesday            | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                                   |  |  |  |
| Subject                | Maths<br>RE           | English<br>Music   | Business,<br>Computer<br>Science, IT &<br>Sociology | Science<br>(Combined &<br>Triple)<br>PE<br>Practical<br>Learning | History<br>Geography<br>Physics (triple) |  |  |  |
| Time 3:00pm-<br>4:00pm |                       | 3:00pm-4:00pm      | 3:00pm-4:00pm                                       | 3:00pm-4:00pm  | 3:00pm-4:00pm                            |  |  |  |
|                        |                       |                    | Week B  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Day                    | Monday                | Tuesday            | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                                   |  |  |  |
| Subject                | Maths<br>French<br>RE | English<br>Spanish | Practical<br>Learning                               | Science<br>(Combined &<br>Triple)<br>PE<br>Drama & Dance         | History<br>Geography<br>Physics (triple) |  |  |  |
| Time                   | 3:00pm-<br>4:00pm     | 3:00pm-4:00pm      | 3:00pm-4:00pm                                       | 3:00pm-4:00pm  | 3:00pm-4:00pm                            |  |  |  |

Finally, please find below some key dates for Year 11 until Easter 2024:

- February half term support: 10<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> February
- Week 2 of Year 11 Mock Examinations: 19<sup>th</sup> February- 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Year 11 Mock results assembly: 21<sup>st</sup> March
- Easter half term support: 1<sup>st</sup> April- 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Year 11 Parents' Evening 23<sup>rd</sup> April

You can contact me further on: <u>ibrooke@canterbury.kent.sch.uk</u> if you would like any other information, have any concerns, or would like to discuss the details outlined in this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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