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GCSE Revision and Support – Year 11

Dear Parents/carers,

As students embark on their final year with us at Parkfield, I would like to take this opportunity to share some information and expectations with you.

First of all, I would like to praise all Year 11's in school who have had an exceptional start to the year. The feedback from staff is that they have come back from the summer ready to learn and wanting to excel. In other good news I would like to share some details regarding last year's results. We are pleased to report excellent results across all subject areas, and although appeals are still going through, our initial headline figures for Maths and English sit as below;

Outcome measure	Parkfield 2018 outcome	National average 2017
English 4-9	86%	65%
English 5-9	59%	48%
Mathematics 4-9	91%	70%
Mathematics 5-9	73%	49%
English & Maths combined 4-9	81%	63.9%
English & Maths combined 5-9	50%	39.6%

To ensure that we can provide the best for our students, we will be beginning extended schools within some subjects as of week beginning 17th September. These will be reviewed after our first set of mocks and then updated after Christmas. Some subjects will be holding additional lunchtime sessions, and some will be after school, finishing at 4:15. If you are unable to collect your child after these sessions, and they currently use the school bus, please contact the school office for other options.

W/B Monday 24th September and running until Christmas;

After School 3:15 – 4:15

Monday Week 2 - MFL

Tuesday– Triple Science students only

Tuesday - Art

Thursday– English/Maths **All students are expected to attend.**

Friday Week 2 – Geography only (2:15 – 3:15)

Lunchtime 1:45 – 2:15

Wednesday – History

Wednesday week 1 & Monday week 2 – Design Technology



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Here at Parkfield, we are fully committed to helping our students achieve the very best that they can. We will also be spending time with students on exam techniques, revision strategies, and how to deal with the stress of exams.

I would also like to draw your attention to the following important dates;

17th September – Work Experience week

29th October – 2 day Art mock

19th November – Start of first 2 week mock exams

12th December – Year 11 Parents evening

4th February – Start of final 2 week mock exams

20th March – Year 11 Parents evening

13th May – First GCSE exam

If you have any questions then please ask the relevant teacher in the first instance.

Kind regards,

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Curriculum Information;

Each subject area has provided revision guidance and ways that you can support your child at home. Below are curriculum details, which include home learning and revision guidance. Please take the time to read this through so you can support your child with their learning.

Maths

Maths homework is set and due every Tuesday via www.hegartymaths.com. Students will have a minimum of three tasks to complete each week, which are supported with tutorial videos and follow the work we are doing in class. Hegarty maths is a fantastic resource for the students and has been internationally recognised for the impact it has.

Equipment expectations. Every student to come to class with the following; Ruler, compass, protractor and a scientific calculator

Lead teacher for maths: a.vanschalkwyk@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk

English

Students will be provided with copies of three of the key texts studied for English Literature: 'An Inspector Calls', 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'A Christmas Carol'. They have already been given a booklet containing all 15 of the Power and Conflict poems being studied. This booklet is for students to keep.

In order to revise for the mock exams, students are expected to re-read the English Literature texts at home in good time as follows:

By 12th November 2018 – Power and Conflict poetry and 'An Inspector Calls'

By 1st February 2019 – 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'A Christmas Carol'.

For both English GCSEs, these websites may prove useful:

Spark Notes – www.sparknotes.com

GCSE Bitesize – www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Get Revising – www.getrevising.co.uk

Lead teacher for English: j.eden@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk

Science

The following is a list of websites that support revision and cover content in detail for catching up anything they've missed, or reinforcing understanding:

Pupils can subscribe to GCSEpod which covers all subjects including science

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zrkw2hv> Pupils should select Combined Science -AQA Trilogy Course. It includes short videos and multiple choice quizzes

On *you tube* Primrose Kitten - she has videos which revise a whole paper in an hour and also links to some excellent resources and myGCSE Science and free science lessons.

www.getrevising.co.uk Revision resources, and puts students in touch with others studying the same courses for discussion and questioning.

www.docbrown.info/gcsescience.htm Contains notes, quizzes and practice questions.

www.gcsescience.com is an excellent resource for chemistry and physics

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PE – KS4

Students will be undertaking the BTEC Sport Level 2 Qualification. This involves completing 4 units of work;

Unit 1 – Fitness for Sport and Exercise

Unit 2 – Practical Sports Performance

Unit 4 – The Sports Performer in Action

Unit 5 - Training for Personal Fitness

All work will be completed under the controlled assessment guidelines.

The use of BBC Bitesize would be beneficial to improve student knowledge.

Lead teacher for PE: a.lloyd@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk

Art

Students are aware that they should be doing at least 2 hours a week, ensuring that sketchbooks show a clear, annotated journey from artist and context research to plans for final work. A drawing homework is expected every fortnight, due on Wednesday, Week 2, Period 5. This will be in preparation for peer discussion, and to improve observational drawing skills. This must include drawing and media experimentations. All areas need to show refinement and reasons for choices made. Art teacher:

s.buckley@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk

MFL

The Language department has invested in digital learning platforms Kerboodle (Spanish) and ActiveLearn (French) for GCSE students (www.Kerboodle.com, www.pearsonactivelearn.com) which allows your son/daughter to access their GCSE textbook from home to support homework.

Students will be given a username and password to access the resources online in the next few weeks. The digital platforms' online homework and practice exercises provide listening, reading and grammar activities linked to the Student Book. Students can complete their homework with the support of the relevant pages of the digital textbook and they are available on a range of devices and tablets (not phones) to use in school or at home.

French teacher: n.tournaire@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk

Spanish teacher: m.darwich@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk

Humanities

Weekly Knowledge Organisers must be revised, learnt and brought to every lesson. These will then be used for in school for exam paper question practice.

Lead teacher for Geography: l.walton@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uuk

Lead teacher for History & RS: h.taylor@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk

Design and Technology

Students will be expected to complete exam questions on a weekly basis, these will link to learning in lesson time - helping with the final examination and coursework. Additional time outside of lessons will be required to complete coursework. It is imperative that students keep up-to-date with deadlines set to ensure that they have the opportunity to discuss and action development opportunities to achieve their potential.

Design and Technology teacher: k.grant@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk