

Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

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RE: Preparation for Year 11 Exams

Dear Parent/carer,

As your children enter the final stages of their school career with us, we want to ensure that we do everything possible to support them in preparing for their GCSE exams. We have reviewed teacher's timetables to create some additional opportunities for Year 11 to receive extra intervention sessions, particularly in English, maths and science. A number of my dedicated staff team have agreed to teach more hours in order to make this possible.

Following the Mock exams in December we have analysed how each student performed. Leaders have identified students who require additional lessons and have adapted their timetable to create these extra lessons. The use of tutor time has been reviewed to create extra support for each Year 11 student. This will mean that they will change tutor groups and work with a specialist member of staff in a smaller group.

Students have been informed of these changes and new timetables will be issued to students on Monday 20th January. The new timetable will begin on Tuesday 21st January. We will be running a parent drop in session from 8:30 to 9:30 on these two days to answer any queries you may have. If this time is not convenient and you have a question, please call the academy office and your child's College Leader will arrange to talk to you.

We understand that this is a very important time for our Year 11s. I have told them that experiencing feelings of stress, doubt or a lack of confidence are normal emotions at this stage in their school career. We have a team of committed staff who care deeply about your child's exam success and welfare. Please join me in encouraging them to talk to staff so we can support them when they feel this way.

In addition to these extra sessions we have invited experienced revision experts 'Positively Mad' who will run revision workshops with Year 11 on Wednesday 22nd January and then later in the term. We will also be hosting a parent's revision session in the near future to show parents how we have taught students to revise and how they can support at home. We will also be launching a Prom Rewards system on Monday 27th January. Students can earn discounts off their Prom ticket and rewards such as a trip in a Limousine in recognition of working hard towards their exams.

Please encourage your child to engage with all of these opportunities and I look forward to seeing you at our Parent Revision Evening,

Yours sincerely

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