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Dene 11 Special! Year 11 Magnifier



Clear views of ~~school~~ Y11 news....

Welcome to our, now weekly, Year 11 Newsletter.

These will be emailed out to Parents/Carers and Students each Friday during the exam period and give an overview of the week ahead.

Please see the explanation from Mr Walters below, about how the time will be spent in school. As we have said before, thank you for your support. We have built a programme that works and ensures that students are in school, have access to teachers and are able to prepare for exams.

Up until half term virtually all lessons remain 'live lessons' (meaning they are lessons where the subject still has exams) and it is essential that teachers have access to the students and deliver final revision and preparation.

The way that the whole cohort are approaching their exams and revision is superb. They have a clear plan (see below) about how to make the best use of the focused work environment. They are working effectively in lessons and at home. What we will see across the next four weeks from Year 11 is absolute focus and determination, as they make sure that every minute counts.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that they are on time for school and correctly equipped for each exam and lesson. Being 'well prepared' helps to reduce stress and anxiety and helps them each to be at the peak of their performance.

We are always here to support and tutors are the best starting point if there are any issues.

Mr F Mitchell (Deputy Headteacher)

It is with great pleasure that I write to you about the final few weeks for a wonderful Year 11 cohort. The central aim of Dene Magna is to ensure that each and every learner shall achieve their maximum potential and enjoy the process. All our minds are now entirely focused upon ensuring that every member of Year 11 achieves their maximum potential.

On Tuesday morning I gave an assembly to all Year 11 students outlining our expectations for the exam season that begins in earnest on Monday 15th May. I want to take you through some of the key points so that you can reiterate them at home. The first part of the assembly was focused on dividing revision into three different phases;

- **Prepare it!** This is where you get all your materials organised, i.e. write your flashcards, draw your mindmaps and write out you key terms/equations. (Don't spend too long on this phase)
- **Learn it!** Where you do things which will help you remember what you need to know
- **Test it!** Where you find out what you know and what you need to revise again

The final part of the assembly was about how the next few weeks will look for students in school.

- Unless students are in an exam they are in their timetabled lesson
- Teachers will still need to teach students, they will want to complete specific revision with students. When you have a lesson for a subject that you have already sat an exam for students will be able to complete their own independent revision for other subjects
- Chromebooks/Phones/ICT are not to be used in school. Students need to organise which physical revision materials they will be using in lessons. Revision guides etc.

In order to help students a 4 week revision template has been designed. Students have been working with their tutors to complete this by adding their exams and timetabled lessons to it. In those timetabled lessons they will need to ensure they bring the appropriate revision materials to it. There are many great resources on the internet, however we feel that these are best used at home. In school time students will be using physical revision materials, this will provide them with the balance between the two.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated in helping your son/daughter to organise themselves and prepare for their exams effectively. I finished the assembly to Year 11 students by running through all the support that is available to them and reminded them that it is perfectly normal to feel nervous and a level of stress.

They are a fantastic cohort of students and it is hoped that the structure of the next four weeks of school will allow them to truly maximise their potential.

Mr J. Walters (Assistant Headteacher)

Timetable for Week Beginning 15 May 2023

Date	Day/ Period	Year 11 Lessons	Exam	Length	Notes
15-May	AMon1	Science	RS	60	RS 'Big Breakfast' 8am in RS2
15-May	AMon2	OpC	RS	60	
15-May	AMon3	English			
15-May	AMon4	OpB	Drama	105	
15-May	AMon5	Maths	Drama	105	
16-May	ATue1	Science	Sc (Comb/Triple)	70 (105)	Science 'Big Breakfast' 8am in Science
16-May	ATue2	Maths			
16-May	ATue3	OpD			
16-May	ATue4	OpA			
16-May	ATue5	OpA			
		Science			
17-May	AWed1	Maths	En Lit	120	English 'Big Breakfast' 8am in English
17-May	AWed2	English	En Lit	120	
17-May	AWed3	OpC			
17-May	AWed4	Science/PE	GCSE PE	60	
17-May	AWed5	Science/PE			
18-May	AThu1	Maths	History	120	History 'Big Breakfast' 8am in H1
18-May	AThu2	OpB	History	120	
18-May	AThu3	OpD			
18-May	AThu4	Science	Business St	120	
18-May	AThu5	English	Business St	120	
19-May	AFri1	OpC	Maths	90	Maths 'Big Breakfast' 8am in Maths
19-May	AFri2	Science	Maths	90	
19-May	AFri3	OpB			
19-May	AFri4	English	Computer Sc	90	
19-May	AFri5	Maths			

You will see that each day has exams on. And that for some students this is a busy first week.

'Big Breakfasts' - Give an opportunity for students to get themselves settled before exams. All students are welcome to attend these.

All Period 3s will finish at 12:20pm and Year 11s will be go to the Main Hall for Lunch. This will ensure that they can be secure in having lunch before any afternoon exams