



Our ref: MEN/EFR
Date: 6th February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we near the end of another half term, I wanted to take the opportunity to inform you of all that is available for both students and parents to help with preparation for the final exams.

Exam Success Evening for Parents and Students - Wednesday 27th February, 6:00pm till 7:30pm

This evening will involve a series of short presentations and workshops helping you, as parents and carers, empower your sons and daughters to prepare for their summer exams effectively and in doing so achieve great results. There will be short, practical workshops on English, Maths and study skills, as well as general advice on how to succeed in the forthcoming exams. On top of this, all attendees will receive a 'goody bag' of key revision resources to aid independent study. We will be sending a text message with details as to how to sign up for this evening, simply click on the link and complete the very quick google form.

February Half Term Break

As mentioned in a previous letter, we are always looking to put on additional support sessions where possible. Over the February half term break a number of teachers will be making themselves available to support our students. Where possible, I would like to encourage all students who do these subjects to attend;

<i>Monday 18th February</i>	Art (9:30am – 2pm)
<i>Tuesday 19th February</i>	Business BTEC (9:30am – 12pm) French and Spanish (9:30am – 12pm) for targeted students.
<i>Wednesday 20th February</i>	Photography (9:30am – 2pm) Music (9:30 – 12pm)
<i>Thursday 21st February</i>	Photography (9:30am – 2pm) Product design (9:30am – 2pm) Food and nutrition (9:30am – 2pm)
<i>Friday 22nd February</i>	History (9:30am – 12pm) Mr Rand's group only

Twilight Lessons

When asking previous students about their exam successes, most point to the additional time given beyond the school day to focus within subjects on exam question preparation. Starting straight after the February half term break we will be timetabling additional lessons in all subjects across the week (see schedule below), this has been a strategy employed over the last few years and has helped students to make rapid progress. All students will be given a new timetable showing their additional lessons which are compulsory to attend. The extra lessons will be 40 minutes long finishing at 3:30pm each day. There will also be opportunities for students to work on coursework between 3:30pm and 4:30pm where appropriate. We would ask that all students are out of school by 4:30pm to ensure they are prioritising revision at home.





Day	Mon - Thurs (2:45 – 3:25), Fri (2:35 – 3:15)
	<p>Students can attend practical/coursework based subjects from 3:30pm to 4:30pm where staff are available</p> <p>All students to leave site by 4:30pm to prioritise independent revision</p>
Monday	<p>Ebacc – History/Geography/French/Spanish/Computing Students to attend priority 1 subjects</p>
Tuesday	<p>Science (Compulsory for targeted students – All students welcome)</p>
Wednesday	<p>Maths (Compulsory for targeted students – All students welcome)</p>
Thursday	<p>English (Compulsory for targeted students – All students welcome)</p>
Friday	<p>Open bucket – Art, Photography, Business, Media, Product design, PE, RE, Drama, Food, Music. Students to attend priority 1 subjects</p>

Form Time Interventions

Every day (Monday to Thursday) students now have a 20-minute intervention session during form time. On a Monday and Tuesday students have English and Maths or MFL and History and on a Wednesday and Thursday students look at revision strategies and take a hands on approach to practicing these skills.

Year 11 'Morning Mastery' sessions in English will focus on consolidating students' knowledge of the English Literature exam texts. Students have been given Knowledge Organisers for the key texts and they will be directed to revise specific sections from these in preparation for weekly quizzes. Students should try to revise using the 'look, cover, write, check' model until they can confidently recall the information from the relevant section of their Knowledge Organiser. Resources for 'Morning Mastery' can be found in the Year 11 Revision Resources area of the school website under 'things to memorise' in the English folder. Class teachers will also use Class Charts to set the relevant revision for each session.

Morning sessions in Maths will be focusing on key skill areas targeted within each group. Students will use the 'variation theory' approach to practice skills and Master the techniques.

The revision practice sessions on the Wednesday and Thursday will introduce a new strategy each week. Students will learn the technique and practice it and then hopefully apply it to their own revision at home. When revising students will all have different approaches that work for them, these sessions will introduce lots of techniques which will allow students to pick the ones which best suit their learning styles.



Easter Break Support Sessions

During the Easter holiday it is expected that all students will be working throughout to push themselves towards the final exams (Starting May 13th). To help students the school will be putting on support sessions in most subject areas. A schedule will be available after the half term detailing what is available and when.

External Examinations – Contingency Day - Wednesday 26th June 2019

The majority of GCSE exams will run from early May to late June and students will receive full timetables soon. We'll also ensure that this information is posted clearly on the Y11 section of the website. However, for the first time a **contingency exam day** has been arranged by the exam boards and added to each student's timetable. The contingency day has been arranged for "GCSE and/or GCE examinations, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the June 2019 examination series."

The date that has been set aside as the contingency day is **Wednesday 26th June**. With this in mind, could all parents and carers should make a note of the new reserve exam date. It will be common for many families to book holidays in late June and July once the exams are finished. However, all students must be available to sit an exam on this day if late changes to timetables are made by the exam boards. Please contact d.hemingway@pudseygrange.co.uk if you have questions about this.

Key Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 27 th February	Year 11 exam success evening (6pm – 7:30pm)
Friday 8 th March	Trial exams (core subjects only over 4 days)
Monday 13 th May	Start of the GCSE exams.
Wednesday 26 th June	Exam contingency day
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 11 final assembly
Thursday 27 th June	Year 11 prom.

Can I take this final opportunity to again thank you all for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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