

Wednesday 10 January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! I hope students are well rested and ready to work hard with that end goal of their GCSEs almost in site now. We have lots on offer to help and support students in what is due to be a very busy time in their school life.

Revision Sessions

The timetable below outlines what is on offer to students daily with regards to subject specific revision.

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch (Year 11 are having first entry into lunch every week until Easter at least)	12:40-13:10 Music in MU1 12:50-13:30 D1&D2 Design Technology 13:10-13:40 Physics in D10 13:10-13:40 Computer Science	12:40-13:10 Enterprise = E11 (ET) 12:40-13:40 Drama in Drama Studio 12:40-13:40 French in B7 12:50-13:30 D1&D2 Design Technology 13:10-13:40 Physics in D10	12:40-13:40 German in B4 12:40-13:40 Spanish in B5 12:50-13:30 D1&D2 Design Technology 12:40-13:40 Art in E3, Photography in D7 13:10-13:40 Physics in D10	12:40-13:10 Business Studies in E11 (SO) 12:40-13:10 Enterprise E11 (Week A only) (CK) 12:50-13:30 D1&D2 Design Technology 13:10-13:40 Physics in D10	12:40-13:40 Drama in Drama Studio 12:50-13:30 D1&D2 Design Technology 13:10-13:40 Physics in D10 13:10-13:40 History in B18
After School	15:20-16:20 Geography In B14 15:20-16:20 RS In B20 15:20-16:30 Design Technology D1&D2	15:20-16:20 English Revision C20 and C21 Aim Higher English C16 PE Practical Support Sports Hall	15:20-16:20 Physics in D10 Biology D17 Chemistry D19 Combined Science E13-14 15:20-16:20 History In B15/B16 15:30-16:30 Drama in Drama Studio		15:30-16:30 Further Maths GCSE C3

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	15:30-16:30 Further Maths GCSE C3 Maths Higher support C8a, C2 & C9 Maths Foundation support C3, C5, C7	15:30-16:30 Art in E2 and E3, Photography in D7	15:30-16:30 D1&D2 Design Technology 15:30-16:30 C22 – PE Theory		

We are asking that during Week A, students prioritise Core Subject revision sessions and Week B they prioritise Option subjects. For example, if your child needs to attend Geography AND Maths revision, on a Week A they will go to Maths and a Week B they will attend Geography. We are hoping to offer breakfast sessions as well, but this is currently a work in progress.

On top of these specific sessions, we have also opened two classrooms at lunchtime for Year 11 students to access and work in. These are informal sessions, where students can bring their lunch with them and work with their peers on whatever they feel is necessary during that time. They can attend for some or all the lunchtime. Attendance at this before Christmas was successful so we are looking to continue that success this term. Year 11 have been given first access to the canteen for this term to help accommodate those wanting to attend revision sessions/lunchtime study club.

PPEs

Our second round of PPEs are looming. The timetable for this is on the next page. There are a few students who will experience a clash of exams. I would urge students to check their Edulink timetables to confirm timings. There is an opportunity for absence mop ups on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 March. This is the last opportunity students will have to sit exams in the hall/sports hall before their GCSEs in May.

Students need to be aware that if they miss their exams in May/June, there will be no mop up opportunities. We would strongly encourage them to try and attend all PPE exams in this manner and not rely on having mop up opportunities.

A small reminder that students need to bring correct equipment to all exams and not rely on the exams team. The equipment we offer has often been used many times before by various students. If students have their own equipment, they are much more prepared for their exams.

Year 11 PPEs

Week Commencing 12/2/24					
Day/ Session	Monday 12/2/24	Tuesday 13/2/24	Wednesday 14/2/24	Thursday 15/2/24	Friday 16/2/24
AM	English Literature 1hr 45m	Biology 1hr45m/1hr10m	Maths Paper 1 1hr 30m	English Lang 1hr45m	Spanish Reading and Listening 2 1hr20m/1hr45m
PM	GCSE PE 1hr15m Religious Studies Paper 1 – 1hr	History – 1hr	French Writing 1 1hr5m/1hr20m Spanish Writing 1hr5m/1hr20m	Chemistry 1hr45m/1hr10m	Geography – 1hr35m

Week Commencing 26/2/24					
Day/ Session	Monday 26/2/24	Tuesday 27/2/24	Wednesday 28/2/24	Thursday 29/2/24	Friday 1/3/24
AM	Physics 1hr45m/1hr10m	Business Studies – 1hr 45m	Maths Paper 2 1hr 30m	Computing – 1hr 30m Drama – 1hr	Maths Paper 3 1hr 30m
PM	Food Tech – 1hr45m DT – 1hr45m Music – 1hr 15m	Religious Studies – Paper 2 1hr German Writing 1 1hr5m/1hr20m	German Reading and Listening 2 1hr20m/1hr45m	French Reading and Listening 2 1hr20m/1hr45m	Child Development 1hr 15m

Exam season can be an extremely stressful time for all involved. If students are struggling, I would urge them to speak to their form tutors to see what we can do to help. We work closely with the Mental Health Support Team who can work with students on stress/exams/anxiety plus various other struggles they may be facing. Students won't thrive if their mental health isn't prioritised. We can help with this if we know they are struggling.

Teachers are here to help with the knowledge/skills/resources. Tutors are here to support with helping students to be prepared in other ways. We have a fantastic pastoral team who can also support students if they feel they need it too.

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Our Sixth Form Open Evening is taking place tonight (Wednesday 10 January), and I hope that many of our Year 11 students will be there to join us.

This is a great opportunity to view subjects that students may have studied already, but also subjects they won't have. They can speak to A Level specialist teachers, existing Sixth Form students and the Sixth Form team to gain an insight into life in Sixth Form.

Bookings for this event have now closed. However, if you have not signed up and would like to join us, please email admissions@ccs.northants.sch.uk as soon as possible for details on remaining availability of tickets.

As always, if you have any questions, please speak to your child's form tutor in the first instance.

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