



Church of England School
Head of School: Mrs N J Adamson MA NPQH

26th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Support

I am writing to you in my capacity as Year 11 Director. I do apologise if I have not yet had the chance to meet or speak with you directly since taking the post but I do hope to do so during the year.

I have spent some time analysing the latest data relevant to the Year group which was published at the end of the Year 10 Summer term. From the analysis I have identified students who I feel will require additional support during the year. With less than one year to go before the GCSE exams, I am keen that students feel supported and are aware of the available resources on offer to them. I have identified students based on the current number of subjects they are currently not reaching their target grade in and I have set the initial benchmark to at least four subject areas where the target minimum grade has not been reached.

I propose to set intervention in place and must stress from the outset that this is very much in a positive manner rather than as a form of punishment. Students that have been identified will have an academic mentor which will either be their Form Tutor, Co-Tutor or myself. They will be placed on an academic support programme. The academic support programme will provide students with the following:

- 1-1 mentoring
- Assistance with revision strategies and revision planning
- Tracking of academic progress; this will include the completion of a weekly report in all subject areas to comment on engagement in class, quality of work and completion of homework. This report will be monitored by their mentor on a daily basis.

In addition, I will ask for Heads of Faculty to provide specific guidance on what your son/daughter should focus on. Additional support will be provided during form time activities which will focus on revision skills and techniques.

It is imperative that your son/daughter is now proactive and commits to reaching their potential. I would recommend that they review their most recent exam papers and identify areas of weakness or gaps in their knowledge. There are many resources available to them to use such as BBC Bitesize, MyMaths, My GCSE Science. Additionally Youtube also has many tutorials related to many GCSE subject areas which are extremely useful. The links to these webpages are provided at the bottom of this letter.




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At the Parent Briefing meeting on 10th October, I will outline a number of resources which will be helpful to you as parents to support your child through their GCSE year. If necessary students will be offered support through other means which could take the form of mentoring, Sixth Form tutoring, revision classes, support lessons, careers interviews or working closely with the Learning Support Team. I am more than happy to meet at your convenience to discuss your child's progress and the intervention we can put in place.

I do hope you see intervention as a positive step forward to ensure that students attain their minimum target grades which will put them in the best possible position as they move on to post 16 education.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Priestley', written in a cursive style.

Ms C Priestley
Year 11 Director

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3>

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

<https://www.my-gcsescience.com>