ASHLYNS SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Revision and Prom

As we start the new term, it is important that students are planning their study time wisely in preparation for their GCSE exams. Whilst the Christmas break will have provided an opportunity for some deserved rest and social time after the trial exams, it is also important we start the new term on the front foot with renewed energy and focus. With this in mind it is important that students have developed a well-planned revision timetable; please see this link to a revision timetable template and our top revision tips: Revision Template and Top Tips. Please use this document with your child to help plan structured revision opportunities over the coming months.

To help support your child in their revision, there are a variety of opportunities available to them this half term, including session 6, subject-specific revision sessions, and the forthcoming Maths interventions with Mr Thallon, Herts for Learning Maths specialist.

This year our annual Prom will be held on Thursday 4 July. Mr McDonald is in the process of putting together a Prom Committee who will work collaboratively to ensure that the event is as spectacular as ever; a chance for students to dress up and say goodbye to Year 11 before they head off for the summer, and then embark upon Sixth Form, college or apprenticeship. Parents/carers are invited to the champagne reception at the start, before the party begins in full.

The Prom is an opportunity to celebrate the hard work of Year 11 students once the GCSEs have finished, having given as good an account of themselves as possible during Year 11 and in their GCSE examinations. Students' success at GCSE can be further enhanced by additional study at home and especially by attending the guided programmes of revision that are led by the staff in the time approaching the examinations. Details of revision sessions during the Easter holidays and the Saturday 'supercram' sessions will be sent home in due course; for parents' information, Easter holiday revision classes are scheduled to take place during the first week of the holidays.

In order to be admitted to the Prom, students are expected to:

- Have attendance of at least 95% between January and May half-term. Valid, evidenced medical reasons for lower attendance will be discussed and admission to the Prom will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.
- Have 100% of their NEA completed and handed in to the subject teacher within subject deadlines, where relevant.
- Demonstrate consistently good behaviour, including punctual attendance and registration at all lessons, from now until the start of the exams.

- Demonstrate exemplary behaviour during the exam period, including the wearing of full school uniform as normal.
- Complete 15 full i-Cards up to May half-term. Students can earn i-Card signatures in a variety of ways, including attending lunchtime or after-school revision sessions, and working hard in class.

The Headteacher reserves the right to withdraw Prom admission from any student.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you and your son/daughter to maximise their success in the summer exams.

Yours sincerely

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