



## Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

Dear Year, 11 Parents / Carers

### **YEAR 11 SUCCESS FOR ALL – NO EXCUSES**

As part of our ongoing drive to help support our year 11 pupils to reach their full potential as they approach their GCSE exam season, we would like to take this opportunity to outline some of the in-school provision we are putting in place to help your child make the expected progress they need.

#### **Year 11 lessons**

The quality of our year 11 teaching is of the utmost importance to us here at TGAR. As a senior leadership team, we consistently quality assure our lessons ensuring that our year 11 pupils receive high quality and impactful learning throughout both their core and non-core option block lessons. Each lesson will be taught by specialist staff with expert examination knowledge, identifying learning strategies best suited to the group, closing gaps and helping pupils to reach their target grade.

#### **Form Time Intervention**

At the start of the new academic year, we rolled out our form time intervention programme. Pupils have been placed into groups and will be rotating around specialist teaching staff focusing on upskilling our pupils in English, Maths and Science. These sessions take place during year 11 form time and provide opportunities for pupils to ask questions, explore areas of difficulty and get hands on practical experience which will support them as they approach both their mock and their real GCSE examination series.

#### **Weekly Assemblies**

Every Monday morning, we are meeting with our year 11 pupils to ensure they receive a productive start to the week. Hosted by a member of the senior leadership, we host an assembly where we share with pupils top learning tips, examination practice, weekly revision news, and discuss all matters related to learning, examinations including mental and physical wellbeing.

#### **GCSE POD**

At the start of the new academic year, we issued year 11 pupils with logins for their online GCSE POD learning platform. Departments and teaching staff will now be setting weekly to



fortnightly homework tasks on this platform which we would like all pupils to attempt. This platform is fun and engaging and will allow your child to track their progress of a certain subject over time.

### **After School Revision**

We have now begun our programme of afterschool revision and we would like you to support your child by encouraging them to attend the following sessions outlined below. We know that pupils achieve better in their summer exams when they attend these revision sessions. We have worked hard as staff team to ensure a breadth of knowledge and examination practice is being offered after school:

### **Timetable of After School Revision**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>NO REVISION – AFTER SCHOOL STAFF MEETINGS</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | English Revision / Exam Spec Focus / Exam Technique<br>Food & Nutrition – Practical Skills / Coursework Support / Unit 1<br>Written Examination Support<br>Geography Revision – Practice Questions |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Enterprise & Marketing – Coursework Catch up / Exam Revision<br>History Revision before school with Mrs Thomas<br>Maths Revision (See dept for specific session break down)                        |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Science Revision – Examination questions and technique<br>Health & Social Care – Revision Techniques / Past Paper Examination question practice  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | History Revision – Units specific to mock exams in February then examination questions & techniques.   |

Finally, a reminder about the correlation between absence and exam results. Put simply, students who miss school regularly achieve less well than their peers and develop poor habits to take into the workplace. High levels of absence, poor punctuality or an indifferent attitude to responsibility are not qualities deemed favourable by employers. Please can I ask that if your child is absent from school regularly (students should have full attendance most weeks), you seek to address this and ask us for support if you are struggling with your child. With so few weeks left of school for year 11, this is now an urgent situation which needs to be rectified immediately.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with helping your child to access all the useful in school revision and support we are offering.

Yours faithfully

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