

6 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Update

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support throughout last half term.

In September, students returned to the academy focused and ready for the challenge of Year 11 and their upcoming summer examinations.

Since they returned after the October half term, it has been great to see many of our Year 11 students beginning their revision and realising the importance of the next few months.

In an assembly last week, it shocked many students when I spoke to them about the number of school weeks to go before the summer examinations begin.

During this assembly students were reminded about making every second count, ensuring that they strive for 100% attendance, so they are able to access not only the academic input and support that they need, but to ensure they access every opportunity outside of the classroom. This will help to develop their skills, widen their experiences and help to prepare them for life after South Axholme Academy.

Further in this letter, I have included information that I shared with students during the assembly.

Year 11 Progres Summary, Scan 1

Last week you received a copy of your child's Year 11 Progress Summary (Scan 1). This report gives you information regarding your child's target grades, expected grades and their attitude to learning. This information can be discussed further, with your child's subject teachers during the parents' evening on Thursday.

I know that many students are having post 16 interviews in the upcoming weeks, and many providers are asking students to bring their most up to date scan with them. You may also be aware that some providers use APS (Average Point Score) as an entry requirement. To work out the average point score, add all the

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qualification grades together and divide by the number of qualifications. I shared this information with students during the assembly and explained to them the importance that every subject really does count!

Parents' Evening – Thursday 9 November 2023

We are looking forward to seeing you during the face-to-face Parents' Evening on Thursday 9 November 2023, from 4.30pm – 7.30pm. Bookings for this evening should be made online through School Cloud (please see an earlier letter - [download.asp \(southaxholmeacademy.co.uk\)](https://southaxholmeacademy.co.uk/download.asp))

This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress following their first Progress Summary for Year 11.

Year 11 Assessment Weeks – Monday 27 November to Thursday 14 December 2023

To help support students in the lead up to their summer examinations, students will sit a formalised assessment period, from Monday 27 November to Thursday 14 December 2023.

The purpose of the assessment period is to enable students to sit their assessments in a controlled venue, with external invigilators that follow JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) examination requirements. The intention of this is to relieve any potential anxiety around the official summer 2024 examinations.

The assessments also allow students the opportunity to develop further revision strategies, enabling them to show what they can do in an assessment. This will then allow for reflection from themselves and teachers, to tailor specific intervention.

Students have received a special assembly to discuss their upcoming assessment weeks. During this assembly, the assessment timetable was shared with them. An electronic copy has also been added to Satchel One and the Year 11 Microsoft Teams channel.

Next week, students will receive a personalised copy of their assessment timetable. This will show venues and seating arrangements.

Please see the attached copy of the Assessment Overview for your reference.

Before the assessments begin: -

The priority for all our Year 11 students between now and the assessment period, should be to make the most of their regular timetabled lessons; they can do this through excellent attendance, punctuality and active engagement.

Students will also be spending time on their own revision plan; they will be given advice about how to produce a revision timetable and revision strategies. Subject teachers will also give advice and guidance during timetabled lessons, helping individuals with any questions they may have.

It would be very helpful if you could support us by: -

- Talking to your child about their revision and checking that they have completed a revision timetable.
- Encouraging the use of resources available to them to support their independent revision.
- Maintain high levels of attendance and punctuality, as they both have a significant impact on their future success.

During the assessment period, students should: -

- Make sure they know when and where their assessments are, and arrive on time at the venue, with full equipment.
- Ensure that students know their seat number (they will be provided with a personalised timetable with this information).
- Be familiar with examination regulations, details of which will be shared with students via the year group team channel.

Coursework

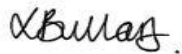
For some subjects there is a coursework element. I know that some students have already completed some of their coursework units at the end of Year 10, many students are currently working on this part of their coursework too.

Can I please ask for your support and ask that if your child is completing a subject with coursework. It is important for their outcomes, that they complete this to the best of their ability. Subject teachers will be in touch if your child requires any extra intervention, and I would encourage all students to attend any extra sessions advertised.

Please contact me should you require any further information.

I look forward to seeing you all in person during the parents' evening on Thursday 9 November 2023.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LBullars'.

Mrs L Bullars
Vice Principal