

15 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Year 11 March Update**

With GCSE Examinations just eight weeks away, I thought this would be an ideal opportunity to update you with information about upcoming plans for students in Year 11.

We are very proud at how our Year 11 students have risen to the challenge and the level of commitment that students are showing to their studies in all subjects, both in lessons and outside of normal scheduled sessions (lunchtime revision sessions, after school revision sessions, study support, tutoring etc).

It has also been fantastic to hear from many students about the amount of time they are spending outside of school with their examination preparations – many students talking about their revision plans, their quiet revision place that they have made at home and the revision strategies and techniques that they have learnt in school and they have applied at home.

More importantly, I have seen first-hand how wonderful the cohort are, ensuring that even at this busy and often stressful time of year, they continue to display the SAX Mindset. This assures me that students will be ready for their next steps in life after South Axholme Academy. You should be immensely proud of the young people that you have raised – we definitely are!

Over the next pages I have provided you with some essential information about the upcoming events for the year group. The first of which is the Year 11 Examination Preparation evening, which takes place in school on **Wednesday 27 March 2024 between 5.00pm – 6.30pm**.

I look forward to being able to meet you all in person at this event, and if you have any further questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Yours sincerely

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

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### **Every Lesson Counts**

With not long before the start of the summer examination series, the priority is to ensure that students are making every lesson count. They can do this by ensuring high levels of attendance to school, ensuring that they have outstanding attitude to learning in lessons and that they are completing all home learning to the best of their ability.

Some subjects also involve coursework, therefore, students should ensure that they are completing any coursework elements to the best of their ability, so they are able to go into the summer series knowing that they have already completed some of the qualification.

### **Lunchtime and After School Revision Sessions**

As previously shared with both parents and students, staff have scheduled lunchtime and after school extra revision sessions that all students are invited to. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions. A copy of these sessions can be found attached to this email and a copy is on the students Year 11 MS Team Channel.

### **Year 11 Scan 3 Data – Monday 25 March 2024**

On Monday 25 March 2024, Year 11 students and parents will receive their Scan 3 data. Like with previous scans, students will receive a target grade and an expected grade.

Target Grades show the grades we expect your child to achieve at the end of Year 11. This Target Grade is generated using Key Stage 2 scores and comparing them with the historic performance of students of a similar ability nationally at the end of Key Stage 4.

You will also find an Expected Grade which indicates the grade, at the present time, we feel that your child is on track to achieve by the end of Year 11.

This grade is generated by subject teachers and takes into account a variety of factors including classwork, coursework, independent learning (homework tasks), assessment data and mock examination data.

Students will also be provided with an Attitude to Learning (AtL). For each subject, students will receive either Outstanding, Good, Coasting or Cause for Concern.

### **Y11 GCSE Examination Preparation Evening - Wednesday 27 March 2024 from 5.00pm – 6.30pm**

Just before we break up for Easter, we are holding an Examination Preparation Evening for Year 11 parents and students. It is important that, if possible, students and parents attend.

The aim of the evening is to support both parents and students with essential examination guidance as well as useful revision tips and examination paper information. We realise how stressful the next few months will be for both students and parents, and we would like to share some useful tips to help you manage these important weeks.

Subject Leaders and teachers from English, Mathematics and Science will be in attendance, holding workshops throughout the evening to provide subject specific information to both parents and students. There will be resources for students to take home from each session to support them in the coming weeks.

Please see attached to this email a separate letter containing additional information regarding the evening.

### **Easter Holiday Revision Sessions**

Today I shared with students the Easter revision sessions that staff will be running over the holidays. These sessions are open to all students and the schedule is attached to this email.

These are all face-to-face sessions and will be happening in school. Please note that school buses will not be running during the holidays so students should make their own way to and from school for any sessions.

Please could we ask that you support us and your child by encouraging their attendance at the extra Easter sessions, as I am sure you will agree this is an excellent opportunity for all students.

### **Summer Examination Series**

The summer examination series starts on **Friday 10 May 2024**.

Please see attached a copy of the general timetable that has previously been shared with students and parents.

Please note that all students must be available to sit an examination on **Wednesday 26 June 2024**, as this is the contingency day set by the examination boards.

Students will be attending school as normal during the summer examination period. Students will be attending their normal scheduled lessons or a pre-examination class when not in an examination.

Full attendance throughout the examination period is vital if students are to perform at their best.