



Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 11 Exam Preparation 2021-22 - Practice for Progress Support Programme**

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for year 11 exam preparation as we begin our build up to the first KAP (Key Assessment Point) exams of the year. In order to support the students in their preparation we have split the KAP exams into core and options subjects, the intention being to provide more time for thorough revisiting of previous learning and to place equal importance on all of the subjects. It is increasingly the national expectation that students achieve eight 'good GCSE passes.

The first of our key dates is the week beginning **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. This is when the mocks or KAP exams as we call them, will take place for the option subjects. The Core subjects will follow the option KAPs in the week beginning **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

The importance of well-planned, regular and sustained re-learning cannot be overstated. It is true that the quality and quantity of revisiting previous content is likely to increase as the year progresses and that by the spring term most students will have embarked on a well-planned programme of revision. However, the most common mistake students make is not preparing thoroughly enough for their first set of KAPs. Good habits take time to develop. To support each student with this Year 11 have been introduced to some methods, which are proven to support the development of memory and recall. There is a video to support each method, which can be found on the following website.

[www.warlinghamtl.co.uk](http://www.warlinghamtl.co.uk)

In our recent assembly Year 11 were encouraged to start watching the videos and start to try some of the strategies in the build-up to the first KAPs of the year. We are encouraging every Year 11 student to use these strategies day in day out, week in week out, throughout the year and NOT just in the period before the KAPs.

We would ask that parents/carers take an active interest in the preparation plans students are making in the coming weeks. Attached to this letter is a revision planner and a list of subject topics. Would you support them by asking a few questions and ask to see the evidence of the following.

- Have you made a timetable that states when you will revisit each topic (not just the subject)?
- Do you have the revision materials for each subject that you can show me?
- Please also ask to see your child's KAP planner, ask to see how it is organised.
- Ask to see examples of the strategies above – perhaps watch the videos together!
- Encourage the use of shared spaces around the home for the sticking of post-it notes and mind maps.
- Ask that revision cards be brought to the dinner table so that a quick quiz can be had!

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At the start of the Spring Term 2022, Year 11 will experience a mock “Results Day” on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January followed by Year 11 Parents Evening on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January** (details to follow). The second round of KAPs then begins with Option KAP 2 starting w/c Monday **7<sup>th</sup> February** and Core KAP2 w/c **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**.

We are very pleased with the way Year 11 have started the term and we hope they will prepare thoroughly for the option KAPs to make the most of the opportunity. The end of the school year is still a little uncertain in terms of fine detail, but we will endeavour to communicate our plans in the not-too-distant future. In the meantime, we shall encourage all our students to remain calm, organised and focused on their learning and to start using the strategies we have put in place.

Thank you for your continuing support – attendance and uniform are both very good and the Year group have made a positive start to this most important of years. The students have experienced many challenges, but I am sure with continued maturity and effort they will do themselves proud throughout this year and in the summer exam series.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Day', followed by a period.

Mr Day  
Deputy Headteacher