



Tuesday 5th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Raising Achievement and Intervention Programme Update – Autumn Term

I am delighted to confirm that the next phase of Year 11 intervention begins next week, following analysis of the mocks that they have just completed.

How are we working out which students need further support?

Using the data from your child's recent mock examinations, we now have a more accurate picture of likely student performance in the summer. Based on this information, we have identified students we feel would benefit from additional support in some subjects.

What will this support look like so I can support my child from home?

We will be running a wider range of interventions during and after school sessions to maximise your child's outcomes. The aim is to gradually build up to a full programme of interventions running in the Spring Term. This means your child will receive additional support from both their class teachers and Raising Achievement Mentors.

The **interventions** will run in the following ways:

- **Maths or BTEC intervention** – additional curriculum time will be used for either BTEC Assessment catch up (PSAs), or for Maths intervention. Students will be made aware if and when this applies to them. [Maths is a key entry requirement for college courses.](#)
- **Period 6*** – Subjects will be offering teacher-led Period 6 revision intervention sessions. Please see below for the current Autumn timetable. An up-to-date timetable will always be available on the school website: [Ormiston Denes Academy - Year 11 Parent Communication](#)
- **Study Hall** – Study Hall will continue to be run on either a voluntary or booked basis. Students can attend voluntarily and complete revision activities as guided by their subjects or the Raising Achievement Mentors. Students will be booked in if they fail to meet home learning deadlines.

*If students are currently taking **BTEC PSAs** (Pearson Set Assignments), then these subjects will take priority in Period 6 until the deadline passes on 15th December. The subjects affected by this are Health and Social Care, Performing Arts and Travel & Tourism.

How will the Maths interventions work in school and how can I help them with Maths revision at home?

Some students will be selected to take part in a small group Maths intervention, working online on Sparx Maths with our Raising Achievement mentors. In these sessions they will be using their personalised feedback sheets from their mock assessments; these have been given to all Year 11 students during their Maths lessons. Students are then able to use the "Independent Learning" module on Sparx by searching the topics needed to close the gaps in their knowledge.

Period 6

Period 6 sessions will be run by experienced class teachers, with planned revision sessions which help to close gaps that have been identified through mocks. The sessions will run from **3:10pm-4:10pm** on the evenings below. Refreshments will be available at the start of the sessions. Students will be invited by their class teachers to these sessions, to help them ensure that they go to the most appropriate session.

Our much more substantial Period 6 offer is due to begin next week. The timetable will be as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Health and Social Care	Performing Arts	Health and Social Care	Travel & Tourism
	Chemistry	English	Graphics	iMedia
		Physics	Photography	
		Biology	Hospitality and Catering	
			History	

However, for this to be successful we need your support. From January, all Year 11 students are expected to remain in school for an after-school session or study hall **daily**. Together, we must support them to achieve the best outcomes in their upcoming examinations. Please contact the Year 11 team if your student is unable to attend due to a medical appointment or college interview, via Mrs Gardiner (Head of Year) kgardiner@ormistonden.es.co.uk or Mrs Salter (Pastoral Year Lead) csalter@ormistonden.es.co.uk.

How will I know my child is doing well?

We will continue to use our reward system in school, assigning reward points. These points are vital if students wish to participate in any reward session the Year 11 team run. Equally, this point, and their attendance, are also vital as part of their 'Passport to Prom' – more details about how this will work will be provided in the coming weeks.

We understand that examinations are stressful and cause anxiety for some students. There is help, support and guidance available in the academy and on the school website covering how to revise and how to deal with common feelings of stress and anxiety.

If you have further questions or require clarification on any of the details in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Year 11 team.

Yours Sincerely,



Miss C Beales
Assistant Principal – Raising Achievement