

6th October 2023

Year 11 Autumn Half Term Update

Dear Y11 Parents / Carers,

Thank you for all your support of your child's progress this half term. Year 11 have worked really hard and we hope that they have a great half term holiday. As mentioned in the Parent Information Evening, we are writing to you about the expectations for Year 11 students over the half-term break.

Revision for mocks

Year 11 mocks are happening from Monday 27th November to Friday 8th December. This means there are only 3 school weeks between students returning to school and mocks beginning. Students will receive their mock timetables in the second week back to school. Year 11 students should use the half term break to start their revision for these exams. They should create a revision timetable that includes:

- Planned days off - 2 to 4 full days with no work at all
- Half revision days - most days should contain a 2 hour morning or afternoon session
- Full revision days - 2 or 3 days of full 4 hour revision days
- Over the course of the holiday, students should aim to do about 5 hours of revision per subject

We have spoken to Year 11 students last week about how they should revise over the holiday. Specifically, students should make and follow a revision timetable to structure their revision. Students have also been shown how to make effective flashcards and given a starter pack of blank flashcards. Subject teachers have also directed students to the revision they should complete.

To support your child in how to revise in each subject, please use our Y11 revision website at <https://kaa.org.uk/students-parents/year-11-revision/y11-revision-subject-pages/>.

Post-16

As you know, deadlines are approaching for post-16 courses. For example, the KAA6 deadline is **Friday 1st December**. Students should aim to complete at least 3 applications (a safe, realistic and aspirational) over the holiday. Your child can visit <https://kaa.org.uk/sixth-form/applications/> now to start their application.

Attendance

It has been positive to see Year 11's attendance improve this half term. However, we need to be honest that there is still room for improvement for some students, especially on the days just after a holiday.

We hope you have a good half-term break with your child and we look forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday 6th November.

Kind regards,



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