

Kettlethorpe High School

Standbridge Lane, Sandal, Wakefield WF2 7EL

Headteacher: Mr T Griffiths



25 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the new academic year begins, we would like to thank you for the excellent start made by pupils in Year 11. This has not been an easy year for any of our pupils and therefore the positive start made by Year 11 is hugely welcomed.

Later this term subject teachers will be offering additional academic support to all Year 11 pupils. This will begin, for most pupils, after the half term break. This support will sometimes be targeted at individual pupils and at other times offered to the whole year group. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions after school and during the school holidays next year.

Year 11 after school time table (w/c 2 November 2020)

Time	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3:15 – 4:15 approx.	Maths	English	Science	Geography & History rotated with Modern Foreign Languages To be reviewed after the February half term

We will be offering support to our Year 11 pupils on both days when the school is closed for staff training. These dates are **Friday 2 October 2020** and **Friday 27 November 2020**. You will be contacted with further details around these two days in the near future. **On Monday 19 October 2020** pupils will complete pre-public examinations (PPEs) in GCSE English.

Pupils will continue to follow a full timetable up until the end of the exam series, this date has yet to be confirmed. Once confirmed, I will contact you with more details about the summer 2021 examination series. Until the end of the exam series pupils, will be expected to attend school. We are confident that by continuing with lessons as close to the final GCSE examinations and incorporating focussed revision sessions will see a positive impact on the results that the pupils achieve. The expectation is that all pupils will be in school full time until this leaving date.

Due to the current pandemic we will not be inviting parents into school on **Thursday 15 October 2020** for our Year 11 consultation evening. We are currently making plans to ensure that you are informed about the progress your child is making during Year 11. Details will follow next week. We will also have an additional support evenings on **Wednesday 11 November 2020** and a second consultation evening on **Tuesday 2 February 2021**. I will contact you with further details nearer the time.

The Year 11 examinations may seem to be a long time off, however, pupils will find them approaching all too soon. Starting revision early with a 'little and often' approach is beneficial. Please encourage your child to take advantage of all the additional support and learning opportunities on offer.

We expect excellent attendance and hard work from Year 11. It has been proven over and over again, that strong attendance means strong progress. If a child misses one half day, each half term, this can result in a decrease of GCSE results by one whole grade. It is an important year and the school is here to help them achieve the very best results they can.

If you have any further concerns about your child in Year 11 please do not hesitate to contact us.

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The recent and ongoing Covid-19 pandemic does still have the potential to impact negatively on the work with our Year 11 in their last year of high school. Every effort will be made to reduce the loss of learning and we continue to value your support at these challenging times. We have a super Year 11 cohort.

Thank you again for your continued support.



Mr G Lickiss
Deputy Head teacher