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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support last term as we work together to prepare your son/daughter for their GCSE exams this summer. We fully appreciate how stressful this year can be for both students and their families, especially if this is the first child in your family to go through the new style external exams.

We intend to provide the same level of additionality over the next five months giving the same level of support you would normally expect from a private fee-paying school.

The programme of study support is shown below. It is open to every student in Year 11 and we expect all students to make every effort to attend at least 90% of sessions available to them. We fully appreciate that some students have other commitments at the weekend (e.g. paid employment) but ask that you help them consider whether they should reduce this from March onwards. We know that it is difficult for young people to project ahead but the investment they put into their exams will certainly pay dividends over their lifetime in terms of employment opportunities.

Twilight sessions

Revision sessions will run Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights again this term from **3.15 – 4.15**. All students are expected to attend, and we hope that you will encourage them to do so. We do understand that some Y11 students are young carers and that this might prove difficult some nights. If this is the case please let us know.

For this term the subjects we will be covering are

Tuesday – Science

Wednesday – English

Thursday – maths

Friday – Humanities and MFL

The order of these will change after half term.



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Monday night supported study for failure to complete homework

Some students are still not in good habits when it comes to completing homework by the deadlines we have set. These students therefore need our support to get into better ways of working. You will have had a letter from Mrs Berry explaining to you the new programme we are putting in place for Y10 and Y11 students who do not commit to their studies. Year 11 students will have an hour of managed study support on a Monday night if they fail to complete work to the required standard by the deadlines they are set.

Saturday sessions

During the Spring term the **Saturday** sessions will not solely be devoted to maths; instead we will also provide some science and English study support too. These sessions are for **ALL** students. There will be foundation and higher groups running.

Sessions will run from 9.30 – 12.00 on

19th January

26th January

2nd February

9th February

There will be further Saturday sessions in March. We will give you further details nearer to the time on these and the sessions will be dependent on our analysis of progress in all subjects over the first five weeks of the Spring term.

2nd March

9th March

16th March

23rd March

February half term (18th February – 22nd February)

Sessions will run on all five days from 9.30 – 12.00.

This will give students the opportunity to revise at home in the afternoons if they want to or to have some well-earned down time to rest or do their hobbies.

A detailed programme will be available later this week.

Last two weeks of March

These two weeks see the final set of practice exams for all subjects. They will take place in the sports hall under exam conditions

Easter holidays

We think that all students and staff need some time to re-energise after what will have been a very demanding three months. Therefore, we have decided that we will run the Easter revision school from **Monday 15th April to Thursday 18th April**. This will mean that everyone can also go away for the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of the holiday too.

We will decide the structure of the programme after the last set of practice exams which will take place in the last two weeks of March (see above).

May half term (Tuesday 28th May – Friday 31st May)

Exams will have started in earnest by the time May half term arrives and this will be the final push to the main bulk of the exams. We would expect everyone to be in on the designated days for their options subjects as well as all core sessions.

We will decide the structure of the programme after the last set of practice exams which will take place in the last two weeks of March (see above).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Thomas'.

Miss Sylvia Thomas
Principal of Banbury Aspirations Campus