



4th February 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

## **Achievement Update for Parents / Carers**

### **Parents' Evenings**

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents / carers who attended our parents' evenings. 92% of parents in Year 11 and 98% in Y13 met with us to discuss your son / daughter's progress. We would also like to remind you that you can find further material on our website under the exams section entitled 'parental support', which details subject specific support for all subjects in Year 11 and Y13. In addition to this, we will be adding new revision videos each week to this area.

### **Y11 and Y13 Revision and Support Sessions**

Through analysis of the pre-assessments across each subject, the November mock examinations and current on-line learning, we have put together a programme of revision and support sessions which Year 11 students will be asked to attend.

The purpose of these sessions is to support targeted groups or individuals who will benefit from revising particular topics and / or practising particular techniques under the guidance of a subject specialist. Each session has been created following question level analysis of exam papers which your son / daughter has taken and our knowledge of each student's work in class and through assessments.

It may seem strange to put revision and support sessions in place in a year when the government has announced there won't be 'formal exams'. However, we believe passionately that we want all our students to fulfill all of the course requirements, have the opportunity to demonstrate better knowledge and not miss out on learning opportunities because of the pandemic. Many of our students will want to study specific subjects at our Sixth Form and beyond so it is essential they have the best opportunity they can to be fully prepared to transition seamlessly onto their future courses.

Now the national consultation has closed, we will shortly find out how we will be expected to award students' grades. We anticipate that a large part of this will be based on the evidence we have gathered and will continue to do so in the form of testing and assessment. These sessions alongside students' continued hard work will support us in our decision making processes. Please note that not all students will be required to attend a session/s straight away. However, the groups are under constant review so we may change groups as the need arises. A list of the sessions your son / daughter is required to attend will be sent to you via a text message today.

Year 13 students who have been highlighted as requiring additional support are being offered this on an individual basis and their class teacher will contact the student directly. You will also have discussed this with your son / daughter's class teacher at Year 13 Parents' Evening.



We have received communication from parents / carers and through student voice asking if there will be another set of 'examinations' to allow students the opportunity to prove themselves in this setting. We fully intend to give all our students the opportunity to do this, when it is appropriate to do so, in the form of assessments.

Students will be sent an invitation from the relevant teaching staff to join the support session/s via a Google meet.

### **Mental Health and Well-Being**

The health and well-being of all our students and staff is of paramount importance to us, especially in the current situation. To ensure our students know how and who to get support from, we recently sent out a survey to all of Year 11. Anyone who highlighted they needed additional support has been contacted by a member of the pastoral team. Year 13 students are encouraged to contact their tutor should they need to.

LIFE and tutor time is also being used to promote health and well-being as well as deliver techniques to assist our students whilst they are studying at home. Each week, we will be launching a new revision and study tip to both Year 11 and 13. This will take the form of a short video demonstration, discussion with the tutor and then give them the opportunity to trial this in tutor time. This information will be shared with you via our social media channels as well as onto our website.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your son / daughter's tutor:

List of tutors emails for Y11 and Y13:

- 11 - Apollo - Mrs A Borrick - [a.borrick@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:a.borrick@stokesleyschool.org)
- 11 - Artemis - Mr M Green - [m.green@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:m.green@stokesleyschool.org)
- 11 - Athena - Miss C Dowson - [c.dowson@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:c.dowson@stokesleyschool.org)
- 11 - Demeter - Mrs C Murphy & Miss S Dinsley -  
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- 11 - Hermes - Miss E Budenburg - [e.budenburg@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:e.budenburg@stokesleyschool.org)
- 11 - Hera - Mr M Robinson - [m.robinson@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:m.robinson@stokesleyschool.org)
- 11 - Poseidon - Miss J Stewart - [j.stewart@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:j.stewart@stokesleyschool.org)
- 11 - Zeus - Miss E Thompson - [e.thompson@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:e.thompson@stokesleyschool.org)
  
- 13 - Hermes - Miss J Armistead - [j.armistead@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:j.armistead@stokesleyschool.org)
- 13 - Poseidon - Mr E James - [e.james@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:e.james@stokesleyschool.org)
- 13 - Zeus - Mrs A Fazakerley & Mrs J Jeal -  
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or contact Mr Weedy, Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form on [n.weedy@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:n.weedy@stokesleyschool.org) or Mr Hamer, Head of Year 11 on [w.hamer@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:w.hamer@stokesleyschool.org).





## **Year 11 and Year 13 Celebrations**

In a normal year, we would be starting to plan our usual celebrations to mark the end of our students journey's at the end of KS4/5. Under the current climate, we are watching the situation closely and making some tentative plans. We do not want to raise hopes for students with specific details at the moment but rest assured we are looking at some creative ways to be able to celebrate with them in a special way.

## **National Consultation**

As mentioned above, the national consultation closed on Friday 29th January. It is likely that it will be the end of February before we hear the outcome of this. As soon as we have this information, I will write to you with the details of how we will fulfill the requirements.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Jane Darbyshire  
Deputy Headteacher

