



7th March 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

Y11 Key Updates

Quick read:

1. Targeted intervention will continue until the exams. Voluntary sessions are also available. Please see below for the schedule.
2. If we contact you to join us for our Y11 Targeted Parents' Evening, please ensure you make appointments.
3. We strongly believe that examinations will go ahead this summer and are preparing our students for this. Students will not sit additional formal assessments before the summer unless we are required to give a Teacher Assessed Grade.
4. Advanced material for each subject has been released. Students will be studying the full course but focusing on the advanced material for revision purposes.
5. Follow the link in this section for the exam schedule for Y11 summer examinations.
6. Support materials are also available on our website. [Follow this link.](#)

Intervention

Since last June, students have been targeted for intervention based on question level analysis during formal assessments (exams that take place in the exam hall) and informal assessments (those which happen in the classroom setting). Through targeting students who need teacher support in specific topics or areas, over 60% of Y11 students have improved skills in identified areas of weakness.

Due to the success of this programme, we will be continuing this from now until the exams commence. These sessions have taken place during tutor time, at lunchtime and after school with our dedicated members of staff giving up their time to support our students who need it most. In addition to the targeted sessions, we will also be running voluntary revision sessions across a number of subjects including English, mathematics and science. If your child has been targeted for intervention, their subject teacher will inform them. Your child is welcome to attend any of the voluntary intervention sessions they wish.

[Link to schedule of interventions](#)

Y11 Targeted Parents' Evening

Our second Y11 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 22nd March. This event is slightly different to our normal academic events which allows parents / carers to choose who they wish to see. If we need to speak to you about your child's progress in any subject, you will receive a letter which asks you to make an appointment with that specific member of staff. We will be running this event through our usual virtual appointment system, School Cloud. The appointments will be slightly longer than our usual events, increased to six minute slots. If you do not receive an invite, this is because all of your child's teachers are happy with the progress they are making and there are no concerns to discuss. This personal invitation will be sent to you separately to this communication.

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Examinations

Our contingency plan was designed to run cohesively alongside our preparation for examinations, minimising unnecessary assessments and workload, supporting both our student and staff well-being. Therefore, we do not intend for Y11 to sit any more formal examinations prior to the summer unless we are informed by the government that summer exams are cancelled. Only in that instant would we then complete a final set to enable us to give each student a Teacher Assessed Grade.

Advance Information

For us, the most important element of this year is to ensure students have as much access as possible to quality first teaching with their subject teachers. Removing any unnecessary examinations allows for this to be our focus and also enables students to complete all of the course content for each subject. This will best prepare them for the next steps in their studies.

The advanced information which each subject has released varies from subject to subject and within different exam boards. This advanced information is intended to support revision as we and your child will know that questions on the topics released in advance will appear in the summer examinations. We do not intend to focus on only the advanced information as all other course content could still appear on the exams and will be vital for them as they move onto the next stage of their education. All of our teaching staff are fully apprised of the advanced information for their subjects. They will be advising our students what to revise in line with the information which has been released. This information is in the public domain.

For information from Pearson/Edexcel follow this link:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/summer-2022-support.html>

For information from AQA follow this link:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/2022-exam-changes>

For information from OCR follow this link:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/administration/support-and-tools/siu/summer-2022-advance-info-640557/>

Exam Schedule

The summer exam session is slightly longer than usual to enable the exam boards to space out the exams for each subject. The rationale behind this was to support in a situation where, if a child had to be absent due to covid, they would be able to sit enough of the course to be awarded a grade. We are currently waiting to hear the details of exactly how this system will be implemented or if it will be used at all. The dates of the examinations will not change. Although a contingency week has been added at the end of the session in case it needs to be used. Currently, the grade awarded would be based on the examination already sat. When we receive further information in relation to special consideration and how it will work for this year, I will write to you again. I have attached a timetable for the Y11 examinations so you are aware of the dates as well as your child.





[Y11 Exam schedule 2022](#)

Our parental support revision materials and videos are still available on our website and can be accessed by [following this link](#).

Summary

Our advice to our students for the coming months is simple: *stay focussed in every lesson, work hard, revise little and often at home and ensure you build in downtime into your schedules to relax and recuperate*. It is really important for your child to take part in activities other than studying to support their mental health and well-being. Even if your child doesn't participate in activities outside of school, we are still encouraging our Y11 students to be involved in one of the forty-five clubs we offer. Two of the highlights of my week are seeing our Y11 students participating in my Dance and Volleyball Clubs on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes respectively.

Should you have any subject specific concerns, please contact your child's teacher. If you have any general questions or concerns, please contact Mr Wilson, Head of Y11 on n.wilson@stokesleyschool.org or if you have any queries about the content of this letter, please contact me on j.darbyshire@stokesleyschool.org.

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