

We have finally made it to the end of a very busy and very important term in the lives of our Y11 students. I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud of them I am, and we are as a school, for all the hard work, commitment and positivity the pupils have shown over the past few months. We were particularly pleased by the manner in which the PPE (mock) exams were carried out. Pupils were well behaved, attentive and gave their very best. I know how tired and drained they all feel now as a result of the extra effort. I would like to end the term by sharing some of the successes of this long autumn term and equip you with some of the information you will need in the New Year. Firstly, some successes of term 1:

## **Attendance:**

Y11 have remained top of the leader board when it comes to attendance. This is extremely pleasing. Thank you for your efforts and support in ensuring Y11 pupils, particularly, are present as much as possible. It really is the key to their success.

## **Intervention:**

More pupils are attending intervention each week. There is a copy of the intervention timetable on previous Newsletters. We have started the intervention earlier than in previous years to really boost the impact these sessions will have on the pupils' outcomes.

## **ECDL:**

During the term Y11 students have been completing a new qualification in IT called ECDL. When we break up around 90% of the year group will have passed the PowerPoint qualification.

## **In the New Year**

**5<sup>th</sup> January:** Students will be presented their Mock exam results in an assembly on the morning. This will be followed by a parents evening from 4pm-7pm in the evening. As well as my own Drama class, I am happy to speak with any parents who would like a meeting on this evening. If this is the case then please ask your son/daughter to make an appointment with me before the end of term.

**26<sup>th</sup> January:** On this day we would like to invite you to a Fish and Chip event in the School Hall. This evening will be an opportunity to hear from Heads of Subjects and speak with them regarding how best to revise and to support your son/daughter through their exams in the summer. More details of this event will follow in the New Year.

Subject to change the first exam in the summer will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> May. Can I take this opportunity to offer our thanks for your support this term? I hope you all have a lovely break and pupils can return on January 5<sup>th</sup> refreshed and prepared for the final road to 15<sup>th</sup> May. As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 5<sup>th</sup> January and 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Mrs Wilkinson, Y11 Coordinator.

Also to support both you as parents and your son/daughter there is a revision section on the school website. Here you find all sorts of helpful advice and tips on how to stay calm, provide support and be successful during the up-coming examination period.

These materials can be found on the school website, under students/KS4Revision.