

St. Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Palace Fields, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AF Headteacher: Mr D Redfern

#### Dear Parent/guardian

I am pleased to inform you that year 11 have had an excellent start to their year. They are clearly focussed and want to achieve the highest possible outcomes in the summer. Their first step towards achieving this is through the completion of their year 11 mock exam series, which will last for two weeks and begin on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

In order to ensure the students are fully prepared for this exam series, we have planned a programme of events to support them. I will outline these below:

### Revision assembly

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> October I will deliver a revision assembly for the pupils. During this assembly students will receive a revision timetable for them to follow during the half term break. They will also receive a pack with resources to direct their studies, revision cards and highlighters alongside resources designed to help them manage any stress and anxiety they may be experiencing.

### Revision week in school

During the week surrounding the assembly, all class teachers will be dedicating lesson time to ensure the students are absolutely clear on how to revise for their specific subject. Moreover, some form time will be used to demonstrate different non-subject specific methods of revising for the pupils. Combined, these sessions will be critical to ensuring students understand what exactly will be expected of them when they sit each exam, and every student should start half term with a very clear idea of how to get the best out of the week.

#### Parents evening

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October is year 11 Parents Evening. This will be the chance for parents and pupils to speak to subject teachers and understand their current progress. It has been arranged on this date to allow pupils to maximise study time during the half term break.

#### Mock exam procedures assembly

On Monday 4th November, Mrs Lancett will deliver an assembly detailing the protocols and procedures involved in the mock exam process. This assembly will recap the routines the students learned in year 10, and will outline how to line up, uniform restrictions, and exam hall rules as per the guidance from JCQ. On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November they will complete a practice line up on the yard.







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## Exam boards

Here is a list of the qualifications our students will sit in the summer, and the corresponding exam boards and syllabus codes.

Exam Board		Syllabus code
Eduqas	English Language	
Eduqas	English Literature	
AQA	Mathematics	8300
AQA	Biology	8461
AQA	Chemistry	8462
AQA	Physics	8463
AQA	Combined Science Trilogy	8464
OCR	Computer Science	J277
OCR	Drama	J316
AQA	Design & Technology	8552
	Food Preparation and	
Eduqas	Nutrition	
AQA	Geography	8035
OCR	History B J411	Hist B: History Around Us Wtn (J411/21)
		Hist B: Ppl Hlth Elizabethans Wtn (J411/12)
		Hist B: Mke Amrc Liv Undr Nzi Rle Wtn
		(J411/39)
AQA	Music	8271
		Rs Route B Comp 1 Found. Catholic (C120U80-
Eduqas	Religious Studies	1)
		Rs Route B Comp 2 Applied Catholic (C120U90-
		1)
		Rs Component 3 Judaism (C120U60-1)
AQA	French	8658

Following the exam series, results will be released in a mock exam results day on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

We believe fully that this year 11 cohort have the potential to achieve fantastic outcomes, and the process outlined above is the first step in realising this potential.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Scampion

Head of Learning for year 11



