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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this finds you and your family safe and well. I wanted to update you on our focus for Term 1 with a few reminders.

Year 11 Study Café

I am pleased to be able to inform you that Monday 13th September sees the opening of our Study Café for Year 11 students. It will take place in the Lime Lounge every Monday and will run until 4.15pm with hot and cold drinks and snacks provided. Students are encouraged to bring their own reusable cups in order to reduce our plastic waste. Students must be seated and revising by 3.15pm. To ensure the café is a quiet and undisturbed venue, we will not be able to allow students in after this time.

The Study Café is a supervised and focused environment for students to be able to complete some independent revision and seek support and help with revision strategies if needed. Students will need to bring their revision materials with them for the subject they are choosing to focus on in the session.

The Study Café is a great opportunity for students to complete some purposeful study as they continue to work hard on their GCSE courses. We would love to see as many students as possible taking advantage of this, encouraging those students who may find it difficult to manage their revision and studies independently.

Revision skills

It is important that students know the most effective and efficient methods of revision and they can access a new method of revision each Monday in the Personal Tutor time, via our Year 11 2021 Edmodo group.

Summer 2022 examinations

Whilst there is obvious uncertainty created by Covid 19, we anticipate that your child will sit their GCSE examinations in the summer term. At this time no changes have been made to the timing of these exams or the content of them. We are still waiting to hear the results of an Ofqual consultation that closed in July. As soon as individual subjects know the outcomes of this, they will adapt their planning accordingly.

To prepare students for these exams they will be sitting internal examinations (mock exams) in November. It is therefore very important that students prepare thoroughly for all assessments set this academic year in preparation for their final exams.

Mock examinations

Your child will be sitting their first round of mock exams in November, with a second set of mock exams in February/March. Once the timetable has been created it will be shared with the students and each will receive a copy. In order to support your child in their preparation for these mock exams many subjects will recommend specific revision materials for your child to use. These will be shared with your child in lessons.

Subject specific support

To support your child's preparation for these mock exams many subject specific sessions are being held for students this term, either before or after school. At this stage in the academic year not all subjects will be running these sessions. Your child should check with their teacher where the sessions will be held.

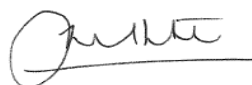
Day	Start time	Subject
Tuesday	8am	English
	3pm	Maths
Wednesday	8am	German/French/Spanish
Thursday	8am	History
	3pm	Business Studies (invite only)
		Art/Textiles
Friday	8am	Science
	2pm	Psychology
	2pm	Drama (invite only)

Attendance

I also wanted to include a brief reminder regarding attendance. I am sure you can appreciate why we need to be updated swiftly if there are changes in the health of your child. Should your child be absent for any reason, please contact the school by 8.30am for each day of absence. You can call the main school number 01634 851262, selecting option 1 for attendance or email officecg@universityofkentacademiustrust.org.uk or attendancecg@universityofkentacademiustrust.org.uk. Please give a brief explanation for the reason for absence. Please keep the school updated with any changes. Should we need to discuss this further, you may be contacted by the Attendance department.

It is already a pleasure to see how committed they are to their futures, and we have every confidence they will be successful with their GCSEs.

Yours faithfully



Samantha Shillitoe
Assistant Principal

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