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Dear Parent/Carer(s),

Re: Year 11 Information

It is hard to believe that Year 11 are now in their final term before their exams. You can genuinely feel the urgency grow in the year group and among the staff. I wanted to share with you some information that you might find useful.

Students received an assembly yesterday afternoon where key information was shared and advice on managing revision and looking after their well-being during this period. There is no time to waste in ensuring that every school day counts. Arriving on time, engaging with the lessons and following the advice from teachers makes a difference, no surprises here. I often use the expression of being on the same team, and now is the time to pull together. We want to see every student maximise their outcomes and not look back and ask, if only.

We have launched "Prom Points". This is where a student can be awarded a Prom Point for completing a revision task, coursework or attending a revision session. These gather and every fortnight are drawn to see who has won a free prom ticket or a free leavers hoodie. The more points earned the greater the chance of your name being pulled. It's good fun and allows everybody to be recognised and rewarded.

There will be another round of PPE (pre-public exams) in the week beginning 19th February. The week will focus on core subjects. Students should be revising for these now and using the lessons learned from before Christmas as the focus of their revision.

- English Language 1 paper of 1hr45
- English Literature 1 paper of 2hr15
- Maths 3 papers, each 1hr30
- Combined Science 1 paper of each Biology, Chemistry and Physics, 1hr15
- Triple Science 1 paper of each Biology, Chemistry and Physics, 1hr45

Exams are starting towards the beginning of May, a little earlier this year, roughly just 12 school weeks away. Results day is the 22nd of August. Information on exams and results day will follow.

Students have been involved in college interviews. Please remember if you have any questions or concerns about college applications or need any advice then don't hesitate to contact Mrs Hoekstra (choekstra@sandhurstschool.org.uk) who will be happy to help. It is always advisable to have at least two applications in and we can help with the process.

I am sometimes asked for information on the exam boards for the subjects studied. This can be found on the school website:

<https://sandhurstschool.org.uk/parents-students/exam-information/>

Please note we are in the middle of updating all the information regarding the 2024 exam season as we receive information from the boards, the boards themselves are correct.

To support students with revision we have invested in SENECA. Seneca's groundbreaking research involved 1,120 students and was published in the peer-reviewed academic journal IMPACT. The study found that students using Seneca performed 105% better than peers studying using revision guides. SENECA is exam board-specific and uses AI to present, mark and grade student answers. This provides feedback and advice on how to improve answers. Apart from the links on the student bulletin page, "KS4 Success Makers", a simple search on Google and then logging in with the school email address will ensure full access.

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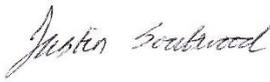


We are also launching targeted revision for specific subjects over the coming weeks. Your child may be invited to attend these, or they may decide to attend themselves. If invited, may I ask for your support in ensuring attendance. The subject sessions are planned not to clash with each other.

Please remember that staff have planned to deliver all the content and revision in the regular lessons, so being in school, arriving at the lesson on time and participating fully is the best way to secure the best outcomes. There is no time to waste.

Thank you again for your help and support. If you have concerns or questions then there is a team here to support you and your child.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Southwood
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