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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Year 11 with the way they have settled into their final year at school. Having visited many of their lessons, it is clear that the majority of our learners are approaching their studies with determination and high levels of effort.

It may make surprising reading, but Year 11 have already broadly completed twenty percent of their final year. The final year at school is always fast paced and with the mock exams looming, we want to ensure that every opportunity is maximised to support learners to achieve their goals and to secure positive outcomes.

This letter serves to provide an update about a variety of support systems in place at Oldbury Wells School to help pupils, parents and teachers 'dream big' and make concrete learning gains.

1. Revision Timetable and Guides

Parents/carers were contacted in September to draw attention to the after-school revision sessions available for your child, as well as links to the revision guides which best suit individual courses. The uptake to the revision classes has been strong so far. Thank you for supporting this – we appreciate that it is not always easy to organise transport from these sessions and as such we are extremely grateful for your efforts.

A reminder that this information can be found by following this link:

<https://www.oldburywells.com/media/66714/revision-timetable-2025.pdf>

2. Parent's Information Evening

A Year 11 parent's information and advice evening will be held on 6th November in the East Hall. This is an opportunity to gain some subject specific information from English, Maths and Science, alongside some practical tips for supporting your child's revision. We will also be providing pupils with a 'Countdown to Exams' booklet, which will detail the key information they need for their courses, as well as some important advice about the exams they will undertake in the Summer. This week you will receive an invite letter to the Information Evening, with a link to a Microsoft form, which will enable you to confirm attendance.

3. Mock Exams

Year 11 mock examinations will take place in November and December. These exams are crucial as colleges will use the results to help determine post-16 placements and offers. They also provide an excellent opportunity for students to show what they are capable of and to identify areas to focus on ahead of the summer examinations. The dates for the mock exams are Monday, 24th November – Friday, 12th December inclusive.

A separate letter will be distributed this week with further details about the mock exams, along with a link to a section of the website where the mock timetable will be displayed.

4. Tutor Time Intervention

As you will be aware, every minute in Year 11 counts. As a result of this, after October half term the school has taken the decision to utilise morning form time with increased purpose.

From the first day back, Year 11 form time will be restructured to focus more directly on providing bespoke academic support and additional opportunities to practice key exam skills. Students will be placed into slightly smaller tutor groups, where they will receive targeted input and intervention from core subject teachers in English, Maths and Science. This change will allow for more tailored support, helping to address any specific gaps in knowledge or understanding, as well as the eradication of misconceptions.

This structure will remain in place until the Christmas holidays, at which point we will review impact - particularly in light of the mock exam results and make any necessary adjustments moving forward.

This revised approach to form time, ensures that all students will have access to high-quality academic intervention during the school day regardless of their ability to attend after school revision sessions. It remains the case that those who can stay for after school provision will still be able to benefit from this excellent programme.

We are confident that utilising form time to support academic development will positively influence your child's confidence and progress. It is important to stress that for these changes to be truly effective, your support is essential. Please encourage your child to approach the modifications to form time with an open mind; to engage fully with the additional support available and speak to their current form tutor, Head of Year 11 or their Pastoral Support Manager if they have any concerns.

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We thank you, as always, for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to achieve their very best.

Yours faithfully



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