

27th May 2021

Year 11 Learning Package

Dear Parent/Carer,

As year 10 moves towards the end of the academic year and starts to begin the process to enter year 11, their final year, we aim to provide as much support for all students to achieve the best GCSE grades possible. With disruption to their education due to Covid 19 over the last two academic years we have chosen to start their year 11 journey a whole term early and issue new year 11 timetables. We want to give our year 10 students as much time as possible with their year 11 teachers following the unprecedented KS4 experience they have had so far.

This year is a very important year and, if completed successfully, will be the springboard to bright futures supporting the next journey in your child's education and to help them onto the career pathway of their choice. All year 11 students are offered, on top of their compulsory entitlement to support, our additional **'Year 11 Package'**.

The package contains the following elements:

Compulsory Additional Study Support

- Timetabled revision from 3-4pm Monday to Thursday
- May half term revision week (31st May - 3rd June 2022)
- Subject exam warm up sessions before each summer exam

Optional Additional Study Support

- A place to revise in the morning in the year 11 study room from 8am with the use of chromebooks.
- Virtual revision timetable that students can attend from home (similar to the live lessons during lockdown)
- Maths and English papers society from 8am in tutor rooms.
- Champions cafe during both breaks to complete Bedrock, Hegarty and Tassomai
- Champions hour from 4-5pm
- Coursework support from 4-5pm
- February half term revision programme
- Easter revision programme
- Prom and celebration events & treats
- Enrichment/motivational lectures

Our **compulsory additional study** time gives students an additional 4 hours of revision a week, and an additional week of study, which will support our students to keep on top of their revision and avoid the last minute unhelpful panic. On top of this we recommend that the students do an additional 15 hours of revision a week (2 hours a day), so the '**optional additional study** sessions' could potentially provide students with another 1 ½ hours per week of time in front of expert teachers supporting their revision and independent learning, so that they can get the hours done in school leaving more time at home for extra study, out of school activities and plenty of rest and early nights. The more time they place themselves with experts the better chance they will have of being successful. The optional element of the year 11 package is only available to those students who complete the compulsory elements.

The **compulsory 3 - 4 pm sessions** are for **ALL** students, however, we do appreciate that there may be some unforeseen circumstances that may mean a student has to miss a revision session. (Please speak with Mr Ward or myself to let us know if this is the case). **BUT**, if a student misses a twilight revision session for no apparent reason or receives a **B2** for off task behaviour in a revision session they will be given a '**strike**'. If they receive **2 strikes** we will contact you to let you know. If any student then receives a **third strike** they will be removed from the year 11 package entirely. A student can only be reinstated back into the 'year 11 package' once they have written a letter to Miss Frier, our Principal, stating how they intend to get it right and how they will make up the hours of study lost. A meeting will then take place with yourselves, your son/daughter and Miss Frier to discuss them coming back into the year 11 package optional entitlements.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email, sgill@sdcc.net or Mr Jonathan Ward, jward@sdcc.net, and we will be happy to help. I look forward to working with you this year to ensure your child is successful in attaining the best possible GCSE grades.

Yours sincerely



Mr Steve Gill

Assistant Vice Principal



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Contract of agreement

I agree to commit to the Year 11 Package and understand that if I gain 3 strikes by missing a revision session with no reason offered, or receive a B2 whilst in a revision session, I will lose my entitlement to the optional elements of the year 11 package.

Please print your name here:

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Parent/carer signature here:

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Please return to Mr Ward or Miss Curran.