

Our ref: EPS/BSN

GCSE Strategy

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our strategy to support all of our pupils to achieve the very best GCSE grades we are beginning a comprehensive programme of revision sessions and controlled assessment catch up workshops. At Dormston we expect all pupils to achieve at least a minimum of their target grade or better in controlled assessment work. As a result of this, at times your child will be invited in to attend extra sessions in the evening, at weekends or during the holiday. Staff give up their own time to work with pupils during these sessions and therefore if your child is invited, they are expected to attend. As always your support with this is very much valued as we aim to ensure your child is in the best possible position going into their final summer examinations. Some of the revision and coursework sessions are ongoing every week and the weekly timetable is shown on the back of this letter. In addition to this, some 'one off' bespoke sessions take place weekly and if your child is invited to these you will receive a letter from the specific department.

To allow your child to make the most of their exam preparation time with us they will leave school to commence their study leave on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. Prior to this they will have some bespoke revision lessons in departments on those days when an examination is taking place. For example, on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June the mathematics exam is taking place at 9am, all Year 11 pupils will attend timetabled mathematics revision on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and they will also be invited in for breakfast revision before school on the day of the exam. Pupils will be issued with a modified timetable to take account of those examinations that occur in school prior to study leave. We believe that this approach will give the most thorough and comprehensive exam preparation. During study leave pupils will also be invited in to attend revision sessions, you will be informed of the modified timetable and study leave revision sessions in a further letter next half term.

If your child is currently underachieving in English or mathematics you will be invited to attend a meeting with one member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss their progress, effort and preparation for these crucial GCSE's. These individual meetings will take place week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> February, you will be contacted by telephone to arrange an appointment.

Finally, revision resources are available from school for all GCSE courses. Please ensure that your child has the necessary revision guides to help to support them in their independent revision at home. On **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** all of Year 11 will attend a 'how to revise' revision skills roadshow in the Theatre from 12:00-1:00pm, this will help to give them revision strategies and memory techniques to support effective personal study. We look forward to seeing you at our Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February to allow you to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers. In the meantime if you require any further support or information please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.

Yours sincerely,

***Miss E Powers***

Assistant Head Teacher

Rooms and times will be specified by individual teachers/departments as they can sometimes change

DAY	SUBJECT	TEACHER	TIME
MONDAY	DRAMA	Mrs Ainge, Mr Plant or Mr Dixon	AFTER SCHOOL
TUESDAY	MATHS SCIENCE SCIENCE HISTORY ART MUSIC D&T	VARIOUS Miss Masih/Mrs Patel Miss Masih/Miss Ward and Mrs Sond Mrs Gwinnett Mrs Taylor Mrs Beer/Mr Richardson VARIOUS	AFTER SCHOOL BREAKFAST 7:45AM AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY	ENGLISH ENGLISH SCIENCE GERMAN RE HISTORY GEOGRAPHY ART MUSIC DRAMA	Mrs Williams VARIOUS Mrs Patel Mrs Baker/Mrs Palmer Mrs Coupland Mrs Saunders Mrs Davies-Njie Miss Tree Mrs Beer/Mr Richardson Mr Plant	AFTER SCHOOL (25 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH ONWARDS) AFTER SCHOOL (11TH MARCH ONWARDS) AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL (25 <sup>TH</sup> FEB ONWARDS) AFTER SCHOOL (25 <sup>TH</sup> FEB ONWARDS) AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL
THURSDAY	MATHS ENGLISH ENGLISH SCIENCE SCIENCE HISTORY FRENCH D&T DANCE DRAMA	VARIOUS Mrs Williams VARIOUS Mrs Waldron/Mr Dudley Miss Powers/Mr Carroll Mrs Gwinnett Mrs Baker/Mrs Mescam VARIOUS TBC Mr Plant	AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL (25 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH ONWARDS) AFTER SCHOOL (11TH MARCH ONWARDS) AFTER SCHOOL BREAKFAST 8:00AM AFTER SCHOOL (25 <sup>TH</sup> FEB ONWARDS) AFTER SCHOOL (25 <sup>TH</sup> FEB ONWARDS) AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL (25 <sup>TH</sup> FEB ONWARDS) AFTER SCHOOL
FRIDAY	SCIENCE	Mrs Burn (WK 2)	AFTER SCHOOL