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Important Information about Year 11 Revision Classes

Dear Parents

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate your child on the fantastic start they have made to Year 11. All our students have returned to us looking incredibly smart with a really positive 'can do' attitude to their GCSE studies.

Your child is in the final stage of their educational journey with us at Lowton Church of England High School. This is an important time in their lives which will have a significant impact on their future. We value the success of every single student. The partnership between our school, yourself and your child is a significant factor contributing to this success. With this in mind we are asking for your support with our revision programme.

As a school we have always offered a variety of revision classes, after school, in the holidays etc. The GCSEs which your child will sit next summer are new and much more challenging than the former GCSEs. They require resilience and tenacity from our students. In order to help build this, after school examination preparation sessions will run differently. Please see below:

1. These are called GRIT sessions – as through them we are building confidence and examination stamina.
2. We are focusing predominantly on our core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science as these comprise of either 5 or 6 of every students' GCSEs.
3. Attending a GRIT session will be **compulsory** if your child is in danger of not achieving their GCSE grade in one or more of the core subjects (These will run in 4-6 week blocks and you will receive a letter if this is the case).
4. **All students**, irrespective of whether they are in danger of not achieving their target or not, are welcome to attend the sessions and **are encouraged to attend**.
5. Sessions will last for 30 minutes:
Science will take place on Tuesdays;
Mathematics on Wednesdays;
and English on Thursdays.
6. The sessions will commence on the 30th October.

We hope that you will fully support this initiative. This is the third year that we have delivered revision in this way. Each year it has had a really positive impact on how students performed in their examinations.

We are in the fortunate position that all of our Mathematics, English and Science staff have agreed to give up their time to run these GRIT sessions every single week as they firmly believe that this will be a massive help to all of our students. If you receive a letter informing you that it is compulsory that your child attends and there is a genuine reason why your child can not attend please contact school and we can discuss this. We will be offering revision sessions for our other GCSE subjects and further details of these will follow.

This is an exciting opportunity to help all of our students in these key subjects and I welcome your support with this.

Yours sincerely

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