

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Re: Year 11 Catch-up Period 7 lessons

At Rooks Heath we are committed to ensuring your child can be their best and attain the best possible GCSE grades. We are taking several steps to support your child in this.

#### Mocks and preparation

Year 11 mocks will take place in school from **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November until Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. Students will sit a mock exam paper for all subjects that will have summer examinations. We have learnt about the importance of the mock grades from the experience of how these informed the Centre Approved Grades which were given, this summer, to students as their final GCSE grades. It is therefore vital that your child works to achieve the best possible grades in these mock exams.

Over the coming weeks we will be revisiting key exam skills and helping students to make revision timetables so they are using their time effectively at home for all of their subjects. On **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** students will be in school but will not follow their normal timetable for either the morning or afternoon lessons. Instead, they will attend sessions on how to revise and other key study skills (such as metacognition) that are proven to support success in examinations. In that same week, commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, there will be a focus in Tutor Time on revision and students will make a revision schedule for the remaining weeks until mocks, including how to use at least four days of the half-term for revision.

#### How to help your child succeed

In the next five weeks, please support your child by ensuring they are revising at home and are staying motivated. On the school website you will find three PowerPoint recordings to watch with your child which share ways you can support your child at home. You will find these in the [Curriculum section > Revision](#). The three PowerPoint recordings cover these topics:

**How to ensure success** - Ms Grover

**How to revise** - Ms Logan

**Booster, Mentoring and Academic Support Plans** - Mr Macaulay

### After school 'booster' lessons

We have now finalised arrangements for our Year 11 students to receive the additional booster sessions. This is especially required due to the face-to-face teaching time lost during lockdown. Attendance for the identified students is compulsory, as for any other lesson. The timetable will begin from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October and further lessons will be timetabled to begin from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We ask that you support us by ensuring your child's attendance and not making other arrangements for your child during those times when they have timetabled lessons.

Enclosed with this letter is an updated version of your child's timetable with Period 7 identified so you can see when they are expected to be in school. The lessons will start at 3:30pm and end at 4:10pm.

Thank you for your co-operation and support. We look forward to celebrating your child's success with you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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**Ms Grover**  
Head of Year 11

**Mr Macaulay**  
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