

Our students did themselves proud during the trial exams period, showing a mature attitude and resilience throughout. They have worked incredibly hard and we were pleased to see almost all year 11 families yesterday on parents' results evening.

We have put together an Easter intervention package that many students have signed up to. If you haven't yet let us know so we can ensure we are using suitable sized spaces:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8Lka7kpj284DK-jQg_YOqqwHyy7Tw3YJHHebNWxImsCzYog/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please encourage your child to attend all sessions that are relevant to them. They do not need to wear uniform.



Dates for your diary



The trial exam schedule has been shared with Year 11 students.

This contains all exams, your child will only sit the exams relevant to their program of study:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nRGQnEtIXxCriVY5NuOLE-4BWs6vUuVIIwrJNhuJhoc/edit?usp=sharing>

Individual exam timetables will be issued prior to exams.

Good to know....

Canley Prom Bank offer prom dress and suit hire for just £5 (+£25 deposit) which can really help keep costs down for the special evening. The link to their Facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/CanleyPromBank/>



Easter homework

All Easter homework will be on Google classroom. Please ensure your child plans their time over Easter so they complete homework tasks set specifically to ensure they are closing gaps from their trial exams.

Anxiety UK

Advice and support for people living with anxiety.

03444 775 774 (helpline) 07537 416 905 (text)

www.anxietyuk.org.uk

Please see the **News and Events section** of our website for details of further support available to parents and young people.

Question Level Analysis (Gaps sheets)

At parents' evening, students were given copies of their individual gaps analysis sheets from their most recent trials. We have issued this guidance to students. We ask that you encourage them to use these sheets at all times when revising to ensure they are revising areas of need and closing gaps. Please see page 2.

Punctuality is important

Good punctuality to both lesson and to school leads to higher levels of achievement. When students arrive late at school, they miss out on essential teaching and learning at the beginning of the school day. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom where everyone is settled and students arriving late can disrupt the entire class. **Being 10 minutes late every day equates to over 30 hours, (approximately 6 days) of learning lost each year.**

Year 11 students

Tips on how to use your QLAs to close your gaps

Analyse your overall progress

- ★ First, recognise your strengths and celebrate your progress to boost your confidence.
- ★ Then, take a close look at your QLA sheets to identify areas where you struggled the most.
- ★ Pay attention to specific question types and concepts, not just broad topics.

Focus on What Matters:

- ★ Prioritise areas with the most significant gaps, but also consider the difficulty level of questions.

Quality Revision Over Quantity:

- ★ Instead of overwhelming yourself with countless worksheets, concentrate on mastering a few key concepts thoroughly:

Take Initiative:

- ★ Use your QLA data to guide your study plan and focus your efforts on areas where you need the most help.
- ★ Address small mistakes with quick fixes and dedicate more time to understanding challenging topics.
- ★ Focus on comprehensive learning to address the root causes of your mistakes, rather than just memorising solutions.

How do I know if I have successfully closed a gap?

- ★ Take advantage of online quizzing systems provided by your teachers. These often offer immediate feedback, allowing you to gauge your understanding and identify areas where you've improved.
- ★ Past Papers and Mark Schemes - Attempt questions similar to those you struggled with previously and compare your answers against the mark scheme. Ask your teacher if you need access to specific questions.
- ★ Consistently achieving correct answers on previously challenging questions indicates you have made improvements.
- ★ Self-Assessment: Reflect on your performance in practice exercises and assessments. Compare your current understanding of a topic to your previous knowledge.
- ★ Notice if you now confidently tackle questions or concepts that previously caused difficulty.
- ★ Peer Feedback - You could study with friends - ask each other questions from revision guides. You can provide and receive constructive feedback on areas of improvement.

Update your QLA regularly:

- ★ Update your QLA with the green sticky dots! This is important so that you can see what gaps you have closed!