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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re. Key information for Year 11 academic year 2022-23

As we near the end of Year 10 and are about to start your child's last year here with us at The Dean Academy, we just wanted to share with you some key information relating to this important transition.

Year 11 Parent Information Evening

On Thursday 8th September from 4.45pm we would like to invite all students with their parents/carers to a Year 11 information evening here at the school, where we will discuss how we will be supporting our students through this crucial time and provide you with information about important dates.

Period 6

We would like to thank you for your feedback during our consultation dated 28th April 2022 on the new extended day for Year 11s for the academic year 2022-23. We are now pleased to be able to confirm that Period 6 sessions will be running every week on a Wednesday and Thursday, 3.15pm – 4.15pm, from 7th September.

Overwhelmingly research shows that students that attend regular, additional intervention sessions make significant progress compared to their peers who do not, and this was indeed the basis behind the big drive in "closing the gap" following the pandemic. However, we also appreciate that it is important that we do not overload students with extra study to support their mental wellbeing, and as such we have opted to run these sessions only twice per week rather than every day in order to maintain the balance. The focus of the sessions will be upon exam practice and application of prior taught knowledge/skills and not simply another lesson, therefore forming an integral part of the students' self-study timetable.

We understand that for a minority of students they will require transport home. If parents/carers can make alternative arrangements for students to be collected on a Wednesday or Thursday at 4.15pm it would be helpful but for those who cannot make alternative arrangements the Academy will provide transport home via minibus. If your child is unable to make alternative arrangements to get home and will still require transport, please contact info@thedeanacademy.org before 2nd September to help us with planning.

For those students that wish to, there will also be the option to stay on site from 4.15pm - 5.15pm on Wednesday and Thursday in the library for "Victory Hour" where they can work in small study groups supporting each other with their revision or homework. Refreshments for these students will be provided.

Finally, please find below your child's bespoke Period 6 timetable for terms 1 and 2. The subjects have been allocated based upon their FGP from their report at the end of year 10 and this will be reviewed following their mock examinations in November and a new timetable distributed for terms 3 and 4 after Christmas.





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Summer Self Study

Students will be given some optional summer work to be completed during the school holidays should they wish to. The work is not intended to be extensive – a maximum of 1 hour per subject across 10 subjects. The work is not compulsory, but we would advise if students have spare time that they do attempt some of the work, particularly for those subjects where they did not achieve their potential in their end of year exams. Given the nature of most of the new GCSEs meaning that all examinations are terminal at the end of year 11, this work is to support students to retain knowledge and skills covered in their Year 10 studies. All work set will be found on ClassCharts.

If you have any questions regarding the arrangements for Period 6, Summer Self-Study or anything else pertaining to the start of Year 11, please do not hesitate to contact me hannah.rowlands@thedeanacademy.org.

Many thanks for your continued support through your child's journey here with us at The Dean Academy. We wish all of our families an enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours faithfully,

Hannah Rowlands
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Student Name:				
WEEK A			WEEK B	
Days:	Wed	Thurs	Weds	Thurs
Subject:	Maths & English	Please refer to the letter your child has been issued	Please refer to the letter your child has been issued	Science



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