

Monday 05 November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child is now in their final year of education at The King's and in order to support them to achieve their potential, a series of decisions have been made based on their day to day progress and their performance in the recent mock exams.

Ultimately, it is our goal to ensure every student in our care leaves school with the best GCSE grades possible. Occasionally, where circumstance dictates, the senior leadership team will make the decision to withdraw students from those subjects where all the evidence shows that they are significantly underperforming with the caveat that they will receive additional, specialist intervention in other areas of the curriculum like maths and English. Past experience demonstrates that by taking these decisions eases the academic pressures on your child and in turn, contributes to increased achievement in their other subjects. Your child has been issued with a new timetable today and made aware of the changes.

We are absolutely committed to ensuring all of our year 11 students achieve the best results in the summer in order that they can be successful in the next phase of their development – be that further education, employment or training.

In addition to the above information I would like to remind you of the following events:

- On Tuesday 6 November your son/daughter will receive their mock examination results together with an interim report which will clearly indicate which subjects will be carried forward to GCSE examination.
- Parents Evening on Thursday 8 November from 4:30pm. This evening is crucial and we sincerely hope that all students and parents/carers will attend. It will be an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress and understand how together we can fully support them in the lead up to the summer examinations. Your son/ daughter was issued with a parent appointment sheet on 18<sup>th</sup> October and a copy of this, should you need a replacement, is on the school website.

During the course of the evening there will be a short presentation, around 10-15 minutes, in the conference room led by Mrs Verow. The presentation will share with you particular barriers to achievement that you as parents can help remove as part of supporting your child in their GCSE exam preparations. Mrs Verow will run two sessions – one starting at 5:30 and one starting at 6:30.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr W Wilson  
Deputy Headteacher