



29<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

I am writing to you today to summarise our current developments with Year 11 and highlight future dates for your diary.

### **Study Period Schedule**

Last week was the first week of our Study Period Progress Provision, where students started their half-termly subject sessions during mentor time on Wednesday and Thursday. I visited Study Period on Wednesday to see how students had settled in and was impressed by the level of focus and diligence demonstrated by Year 11 students. I hope that students continue to benefit from these sessions as, in total, they are equivalent to one extra lesson each week in one of their priority subjects. As a reminder, I have included the Study Period schedule for Year 11 below:

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Weeks 1 and 2</b>	Assembly	Personal Development with mentor	Intervention with a core or EBacc teacher	Intervention with a core or EBacc teacher

### **Weekly assemblies**

Year 11 receive an assembly each week that focuses on a specific theme relevant to them, such as maintaining a growth mindset, choosing a suitable career path, and understanding good habits. These are an excellent opportunity for students to hear from different members of staff about their experiences. Please check in with your son/daughter on what they've learned during the weekly assembly to see how it is relevant to their future.

### **After-school revision sessions**

This week will be the first week of our after-school revision sessions for students. Whilst this is not a compulsory period 7, your feedback in our survey towards the end of last year highlighted how keen students were to attend extra sessions run by subject specialists. You should have received a letter with information on these sessions and how they will run. If you have any queries relating to these, please contact your son/daughter's mentor in the first instance.

## **Attendance**

On their first day back at school, we spoke with students about the importance of their attendance and how it is a key component of academic success. It is an expectation at The Garibaldi School that students attend 100% of the time. We have the belief that every missed session is a missed opportunity for students. Each moment of the school day is carefully planned out, with all opportunities in place so your child can succeed. If your child is absent for a valid reason, please contact the school absence line (01623 464 220 – option 1) stating the reason for the absence. For further information, please see:

<https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/page.php?d=services&p=attendance>.

## **Year 11 Mock Exams**

As you know, we were not able to run the two weeks of mock exams in June as we had intended because of our need to isolate the Year 10 bubble. Teachers are in the process of preparing students for their assessments and working hard to cover the content necessary for students to succeed. Further information has already been sent out about the timetable of the mock exams, for w/c 11<sup>th</sup> October and w/c 18<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Sixth Form Open Evening: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**

As you may already know, this year I have taken on a new role in school; as well continuing as the Achievement Lead for Year 11, I am also now the Director of Sixth Form. This is an exciting position that allows me to oversee students' progress from Year 11 into their next steps, and I am keen to work with eligible students on their transition from Year 11 into The Garibaldi School Sixth Form. I will be surveying student interest over the next two weeks and our Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, so please look out for further details soon about this event.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01623 464220 or email [office@garibaldischool.co.uk](mailto:office@garibaldischool.co.uk)

Kind regards



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