



Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 Accelerating Progress Evening: Wednesday 1st December 2021

I am writing to invite you to the Year 11 Accelerating Progress Evening, which will be held virtually on Wednesday 1st December. The evening will begin with a welcome meeting at 5:15pm, followed a range of pre-recorded workshops that will be accessible on the school's website.

This is an additional evening which we run for GCSE students and their parents that has in the past proved a great success. Our teaching and support staff have kindly put together a series of workshops which we feel will be beneficial for you and your son/daughter as they will give you valuable information as well as tips and guidance as to how best support your child through their remaining months of GCSE courses. Given the challenges that students have faced over the last 2 years, we would strongly recommend all parents of Year 11 students, as well as the students themselves, attend the evening. Not only is the evening likely to support students in the run up to their mocks in the 2 weeks that follow, but its key focus will be on how to support your son/daughter throughout the remainder of Year 11.

The welcome meeting will be held on Zoom at 5:15pm on the 1st December. [You can access the meeting using this link.](#) Please do not attempt to join the meeting before 5:05pm. During the meeting I will explain to you how you will be able to access the support materials on the school website.

Following the welcome meeting you will have access to these seven workshops online.

Session title	A further explanation
1: Modern technologies	<i>A demonstration session of the best "apps" and online programmes/sites to support your child's learning and revision</i>
2: Emotional health and wellbeing	<i>A session focused on supporting your child's emotional health and wellbeing and managing stress during a potentially challenging few months ahead</i>
3: Revision	<i>A session offering handy revision tips and demonstrating a variety of sound strategies for revision for your sons/daughters to experiment with</i>
4: Hegarty: Maths Support	<i>An insightful session on how parents can support their child's progress in Maths using Hegarty; a new interactive online resource</i>
5: Key deadlines	<i>A practical session to highlight all remaining key deadlines and assessment periods across the GCSE curriculum and how best to balance the workload</i>
6: 20 top tips	<i>A practical session offering 20 top tips on how to support your child without being a subject specialist</i>
7: VI form students have their say	<i>Hear it first-hand! Year 12/13 students who got through the experience of GCSEs will present hints and tips to help this year's Year 11 through the next few months</i>

Yours faithfully

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