

LeAF Studio

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Dear parent, carer

As Year 11 start this critical year, I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you in order to inform you of a number of key events and milestones between now and the final exams in May. At LeAF Studio we know the importance of achieving the best possible grades and are determined to do everything we possibly can to support our young people to perform to their full potential.

- **Intervention timetable** – starting this week, all subjects are offering drop-in revision sessions during or after the school day. These are ideal for students to revise in small groups with the support of their teachers. Some staff may contact home to direct some students to attend certain sessions – if this is the case please support us as there will be a very specific reason for them to attend which will be to their benefit. The timetable is as follows, please encourage your child to attend wherever possible:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11-11.30am	Business (Charlton)	Science (Ennis)	Spanish (Webber)	French (Webber)	English (Murray)
1.30-2pm	History (Shakespeare)	Geography (Chaplin)	Philosophy (Hamilton) PE (Farah)	English (Murray)	Music (Beatles) Maths (Redgrave)
After school	PE (Farah)	Science (Ennis)	Dance (Monroe) Media (Macarthur)	Philosophy (Hamilton)	

- **Academic mentoring** – within the next week, all students in Year 11 will be allocated a specific academic mentor from the LeAF Studio staff. The purpose of this is for each student to have a single point of contact for any general academic queries or support. Parents will be invited in for academic mentoring appointments after each set of mocks and the mentor will go through the results with you and discuss areas to focus on at home. Every member of staff will select two students to work with to ensure that every child has individual and personalised support through their fortnightly meetings.
- **Revision evening** – on Wednesday 23rd October we have our annual Year 11 Exam Information evening. The purpose of this is for parents and students to learn about how to best prepare for exams as we build up to the first set of mocks in November. In addition, all students who attend will receive free revision packs to help get them organised at home and parents will be given a booklet of

resources to support this process. Subjects will also be providing lists of topics to revise for the November mocks to ensure students can focus their revision rather than trying to cover the entire syllabus for each subject. Further information about this evening will be sent out nearer the time.

- **Revision guides** – many parents have already bought revision guides through our centralised purchasing system on ParentPay. However, if you have not already done so or your child joined later in Year 10, then you are able to order these online through us at up to half the price. Any questions about ordering these can be directed to ecollins@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk
The next order deadline is Monday 7th October for delivery before half term.
- **Mock exams** – following feedback from both staff and students last year, we have decided to reduce the number of mocks our Year 11s will sit this year. We will still be having two separate blocks of mock exams but all subjects will split a full set of GCSE papers between these two periods to reduce the load of the students and the amount of lesson time missed. Staff will be sharing specific information about each set of exams nearer the time to help students focus their revisions. The mock exam periods are as follows, please make a note of these and ensure wherever possible that your child does not miss any exams during these times:
 - **Mocks Part 1** – 18th November to 5th December 2019
 - **Mocks Part 2** – 29th January to 14th February 2020
- **Final exams** – the final GCSE exams begin on 11th May 2020 and continue to 19th June 2020. Again, please make a note of these dates and ensure that you do not book any holidays or professional leave during this time. Further information, including full exam timetables, will be sent to parents in early 2020.

I hope that this gives you an early appreciation of all the support we are offering this year. I appreciate that this can be an overwhelming time for both students and those supporting them at home. We want to do everything we can to support you all in ensuring our young people do their very best in the summer and that they leave here with the qualifications they need to continue on the next stages of their careers. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Clark
Vice Principal