

6th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 11 Curriculum Update

It was fantastic to welcome Year 11 back yesterday. All students looked extremely smart and the large majority demonstrated a fantastic attitude towards their learning, and commitment to Year 11 and all this brings with it.

When students received their timetables yesterday they would have seen, and I spoke to them about an **additional lesson between 3 and 4pm on a Wednesday afternoon**. During the summer break, following the release of National results from last year and on reflection of students' End of Year exam results, we made the decision that an additional lesson was needed in students' EBACC option block, to support the best possible outcomes this summer. With the increased rigor of the exam papers introduced a few years ago and standards now returned to pre-pandemic level, it is critical that students have additional teaching time in these subjects to ensure that subject content can be delivered to standards required by the exam boards.

As with previous years we will soon be releasing a revision timetable that students will be expected to attend. This will mean students will remain at school most evenings until 4pm, very much in line with other academic years. Due to the fact that subject content will be delivered during these EBACC lessons however, not just revision, we felt it necessary to timetable these lessons to ensure 100% attendance. This is very much in line with what is done in other schools across the country.

As always many thanks for your support with this. You will receive another letter in the next couple of days inviting you in to a meeting where we can go through other aspects of Year 11 which will support students in achieving the best possible outcomes.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk.

Yours Sincerely,



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