

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are writing to inform you about the end of term arrangements for Year 11 students, and also update you on some important assessments that are taking place early in the new year and what we are doing to support students in preparing for them.

The last day of the Autumn Term for Year 11 (only) will be **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**. With many members of teaching staff involved in activities with other year groups at the end of term, we are providing Year 11 students with the opportunity to have some independent study time in preparation for their mock exams and final examinations in ICT and Engineering which take place in January and February. In order to support them in using this opportunity effectively we will be providing appropriate resources and materials to support them with their revision, which they can continue to access over the coming weeks, in the run up to their January exams.

Enclosed with this letter is a record of these key dates in the Spring Term. Please discuss these with your son/daughter and help them to remain focused on the priorities that lie ahead.

Please note that any student who is not up to date with subject coursework will be required to attend a compulsory targeted 'catch up' day in school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If your son/daughter is required for this 'catch up' day you will be informed.

It is essential that students attend each of their mock exams and any BTEC exams for which they have been entered. In the case of the BTECs, the outcomes of these assessments will play a major part in determining students' grades. And we are required to record the results of all mock exams as evidence towards final grades in the event that the Department for Education were to decide that the summer exams could not proceed for any reason.

We are naturally keen that all students have the opportunity to do their best in these exams, and those occurring later in the year. We have therefore put together a programme of subject revision sessions (timetable attached) in 3 blocks in order to support preparation for the Mock exams and then the build up to the final exams. All our data and past experience shows that students who make full use of these structured revision sessions are more confident, are better prepared for their exams, and generally achieve stronger outcomes than those who don't make full use of this support. We would therefore ask that you urge your son/daughter to make the most of these opportunities that are being offered and don't let them slip by.

If you have any queries, please contact us at [heardt@uffculmeschool.net](mailto:heardt@uffculmeschool.net) or [robertsj@uffculmeschool.net](mailto:robertsj@uffculmeschool.net)

Yours sincerely



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