

16th March 2018

Dear parents and carers

Year 11 GCSE Focus Day Monday 16th April 2018

Thank you all for your support of our intensive revision sessions, which are already underway and very well attended. Our experience of preparing for GCSE exams over many years tells us that the more focused revision students have done, the calmer and more confident they feel going into exams.

We are very conscious that students have missed 6 days this year due to severe weather. We have reorganized our study skills afternoon so that no more lessons are missed and staff have agreed that the 16th April will be a special GCSE Focus day for Year 11 only, instead of a training day for teachers.

On Monday 16th April Fairfield will be open as normal for Year 11 only.

We will be running a special programme of focused teaching and learning, one lesson for each of the options subjects and then the study skills event (with an outside speaker) in the afternoon. School transport will run as normal. Students do not have to wear school uniform and the canteen will provide break and lunchtime snacks as usual.

We really hope that everyone will attend. It will give an opportunity for staff to debrief the revision done over the Easter holiday, focus on particular areas of difficulty and help students to be completely prepared for the 4 week countdown to the beginning of the written GCSE papers; in addition some subjects will be very close to the practical elements of the exam eg French and Spanish.

As this is a change to our published term dates, we are aware that a few of you may have made other arrangements. Please let Mr Kelly know if this is the case; we look forward to having all our Year 11 students with us for the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes



Sue Gaston