



17th January 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year and what an exciting and busy time it will be for your child over the next 6 months. I am writing to inform you of some key dates and events for this term.

In my recent assembly with Year 11, I discussed the main focuses for this term:-

Revision and preparation for internal examinations 25th February to 8th March

All students should have the relevant details for their subjects, such as exam board, website address, other useful websites to access for help, past exam papers to practise skills, revision materials, such as guides, and a quiet space in the house to revise. Please remember that we advise that revision should be little and often. Experts recommend that for effective revision, students should revise for a period of 30-minutes maximum, before taking a short break and starting again, either with a new topic or revising again the previous work covered. Successful revision involves repetition of topics until the students have “mastered” the knowledge or skills, and I would encourage students to test themselves regularly as part of their revision.

Year 11 practice interview day 14th February 2019

This is a great opportunity for your child to experience the process of CV writing and having a professional interview carried out by one of our guests, who hail from many different industries and professions. The dress code for this day is smart clothing; for boys this would mean a tie, shirt, trousers, shoes and/or a suit; and for girls a skirt, smart trousers, shoes, blouse. The idea is they should be dressed for working in an office.

Directed time every day 3.15 -4.00 pm

The Directed Time Programme continues this term, but with only 13 weeks before the Easter holidays and two of these weeks designated for trial examinations, the opportunities to attend this intervention are limited and very precious. Students who have been invited to Directed Time have been selected by their teachers, as in their experienced opinion, they require some additional focus to achieve their targets. It is essential that you encourage your child to attend these useful sessions, which will focus on examination techniques and questions. All students have received an updated timetable with their directed time added to each day. Please see below the scheduled sessions provided daily.

Directed Time Schedule – Spring Term 2019

Monday	Spanish (Week A) Humanities (Week B)
Tuesday	Science
Wednesday	Options
Thursday	English
Friday	Mathematics

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There will be holiday revision sessions and some Saturday masterclasses coming soon for your child to attend. I will send you a letter outlining dates and sessions provided very soon.

Spanish intervention:

This term we are focusing on Spanish students having extra sessions once every two weeks to ensure they reach their full potential. Historically, we have found this has helped students in Maths and the Sciences. It equates to 7 extra hours of teaching/coaching time this term. The students have responded positively to the sessions that have already started.

If you have any queries regarding your child's education, then please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the Year 11 team at The Coleshill School.

Best wishes

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