

12 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 11 Steps to Success Evening/Post-16 Destinations Careers Event – Thursday 21 September 4.00-7.00pm

All students and parents are encouraged to attend this event. The first part of the evening will include a presentation (There will be two sittings of the presentation – **5pm** and **6pm**) from school leaders about how to support your child throughout the year, along with an opportunity to visit each curriculum area to discuss specific courses - what is being taught, how students are assessed and discuss how best you can help your son/daughter achieve success.

In addition, this year we are combining this event with our annual Post-16 Destinations Careers Event. This event itself is historically very popular and provides students and parents with the opportunity to meet representatives from a number of post-16 providers, including:

Local Sixth Form schools
Post-16 Colleges
Doncaster UTC
The Armed Forces
Local employers
Apprenticeship and training providers

It is important that your son/daughter explores all the options available to them and they speak directly to as many of the representatives as possible so that they take full advantage of the information on offer. The school's independent Careers Adviser, Mr Jackson, will also be available to offer additional advice and guidance. You and your son/daughter will be able to discuss in greater detail the courses on offer, as well as finding out specific and general information that will help them make informed choices for their post-16 destinations.

Year 11 Mock Exams

We have two formal mock assessment windows throughout Year 11, where students will complete actual GCSE assessments to identify their strengths and areas for development, as well as provide an indicator of their current working level. These will take place:

- Monday 16 October 2022 – Thursday 2 November 2023
- Monday 5 February 2023 – Friday 23 February 2024

Summer GCSE's

Throughout the year students will complete accreditable work, for example coursework in Food, Art, PE, Engineering etc and additional exams such as Modern Foreign Language speaking assessments, therefore



every school day is important. However, parents should note that the summer exam dates are provisionally set as Monday 13 May – Friday 28 June 2024 and all students are expected to attend every assessment for which they are entered.

Subject Parents Evenings

Following each assessment window, you will receive a written report updating of your child's progress. Following receipt of this, there will be an opportunity for to meet with your child's subject teachers to discuss their performance and identify what needs to be done to support your child to succeed. These will take place:

- Thursday 30 November 2023 - 4pm - 7pm
- Thursday 21 March 2024 – 4pm - 7pm

Intervention

Throughout the year there will be a number of additional intervention sessions that run to support students to achieve success. These often will take place during period 6, although lunchtime and holiday sessions will also run throughout the year and will be communicated. Please support with ensuring your child attends such sessions when targeted to do so as these sessions, delivered voluntarily by staff are aimed at offering additional support for your son/daughter to achieve success.

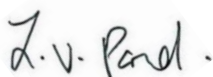
GCSE Pod

You will be aware that last year we launched GCSE Pod with all Key Stage 4 students. This package has proved highly popular with students valuing the accessibility of the revision materials and frequent opportunities to test their knowledge through low stakes quizzes. The use of GCSE Pod will be integral to the school's approach to Home Learning this year, with 'Pods' being routinely assigned for students to watch, along with accompanying assignments for them to complete as part of their exam revision. For more ways to support your child using GCSEPod, please visit www.gcsepod.com/parents where you'll find lots more information, a specially created Parent Toolkit with information on making the most of your child's subscription and links to their fantastic upcoming parent/carer webinars:

<https://www.gcsepod.com/podupresents-parent-webinars/>

We take great pride in the outcomes achieved by our students, successes that enable them to make a positive transition into life after Hungerhill. We know this success is a result of hard work from the students themselves, supported by devoted parents and look forward to working with you throughout Year 11.

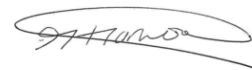
Yours sincerely



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