

29<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 11 students,

I am writing to you to inform you of the support plan that the school is putting into place to aid your child through the very important exam period ahead and request your support with it. Your son/daughter has already received their mock examination results and school report, and there was a Y11 parents evening for individual teacher feedback, which together will enable you and your son/daughter to know exactly what the exam targets are, and what needs to be done to achieve them.

Please find attached the support plan timetable, which has also been issued to your son/daughter and the staff of the school. This is to assist all of us in planning when additional sessions can be attended, what additional materials are available, and what revision can take place away from the classroom. We will also be requesting that certain students attend the after school classes, for example if they have not completed coursework, missed lessons etc - we hope we can rely on you to support us in this. Students will also receive an individual printout of their examination entries, but please find attached an overview of all examinations scheduled.

Can I ask you to go through the plan, with your son/daughter and look at their examination results, so that they can best plan their revision time in order to have maximum impact where it is most needed? There is a blank plan included so that your son/daughter can create a weekly plan. There will inevitably be some clashes, however it is important to prioritise according to need – if you would like any advice on this then please contact the form tutor, subject teacher, or KS4 Achievement Leader (Mr Bond). If you would like further copies of this, then they will be available for your son/daughter to collect from the library, alternatively all of this information will also be on our website [www.dartonhigh.org](http://www.dartonhigh.org). Monday's session after school is Maths night and Tuesday's is English night; these are the only two subjects on at this time. This has been scheduled so that there are no clashes with any other subjects at this time, highlighting their importance.

As an added incentive for students to attend these sessions, there will be rewards offered. At every session your child will receive a raffle ticket, which will then be entered into a weekly prize draw of £25, £10 and £5 cash (which if your child is fortunate to win, you will be asked to sign for acknowledgement). There will also be one overall prize of an iPod touch, drawn in the final full week of school. The aim is that the more sessions attended, the more raffle tickets issued, the better the chance of winning a prize!

There are also various websites that support learning and revision. An excellent resource is [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize) which has GCSE practice questions and tests as well as some more light hearted revision practice for fun. The school has also subscribed to SAM Learning Secondary, a top quality eLearning service that has been proven to improve GCSE grades through GCSE exam practice and related work. To access the service at [www.samlearning.com](http://www.samlearning.com) learners need three details:

<b>Centre ID:</b>	S75DH
<b>User ID:</b>	Date of birth followed by two initials; first name then last name. Example: 010896DJ is the User ID for David Jones born 1st Aug 1996.
<b>Password:</b>	Initially same as User ID, Learners are encouraged to change this to something difficult to guess or work out.

In short, there are many ways that we can work together in partnership, to attain success and achieve the potential of your child in these life affecting examinations. I hope we can count on your support, not just for additional academic help, but in maximising the attendance of your son/daughter to school during these final weeks in normal school hours as well as at the additional sessions offered. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the teachers in school if you require further support or guidance.

Yours sincerely

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