



The Ripley Academy

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Re: Year 11 Autumn Revision Programme.

You will be aware that your child has a series of mock examinations commencing on 2 December 2019 which are crucial in assessing the progress made towards their final GCSE examinations. To support students and identify any necessary interventions, we will be running an additional revision programme focusing on examination technique.

Mini Mocks

The first of these sessions will take the form of 'Core mock' examinations in English, Maths and Science commencing the week beginning Monday 23 September. Students will need to revise one paper for each of the three subjects. Their class teachers will spend this week discussing the knowledge, skills and understanding needed as well as the best way to prepare for each subject. If you would like to support your child, may I suggest directing them to the following websites as a starting point:

www.senecalearning.com www.getrevising.co.uk www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Following the mini mock examinations, members of the School Leadership Team will interview every student in Year 11 to discuss their results, their general progress in Year 11 as well as their desired destinations after this year.

Walking Talking Mocks

During the week beginning Monday 21 October, students will then undertake 'walking talking' mocks where they will be 'walked' through specific exam questions by Heads of Department in these core subjects. During these sessions, students will work intensively on the approach needed for key questions where we know students can easily lose marks. They will be given the opportunity to write their own responses based on what they have covered. Again, this will assist us in identifying where students need additional support or guidance as well as giving students an experience of working in timed conditions in the examination hall.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the Year 11 revision programme, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at enquiries@ripleyacademy.org.

Thank you for your continued support during this busy and critical time.

Yours faithfully

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