

Monday 28 September

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 'Key to Success' – Tuesday 6 October, 6.00pm

It has been our pleasure to welcome back pupils into Year 11 and see them continue with their GCSE courses. They have conducted themselves with maturity and are adapting well to the current way of working.

As you may be aware, we had an excellent set of GCSE results at Abbey Park in 2019 and, although grades were attributed using a different method this summer, the positive trend has continued. We are keen for Year 11 to celebrate the same level of success in 2021.

Your involvement is vital to your child's final performance at GCSE and in planning for Post-16 pathways. Our 'Year 11 Study Programme' is carefully constructed and tailored to the individual needs of pupils. In order that you can fully support your child at home, we ask that you attend a virtual **'Key to Success' evening on Tuesday 6 October from 6.00pm**. You will be able to join via Zoom using the following information:

Meeting ID
9130155 9267

Passcode
APS2020

On Friday 2 October, all Year 11 pupils should return home with a folder of printed sheets that would normally be collected on the evening. This folder will contain subject information sheets, details of relevant revision materials and our 'personalised learning checklists' that are used throughout the school. There will also be an overview of the Year 11 Study Programme. Please encourage your child to keep this folder in a safe place for future reference. It would also be beneficial if you could discuss these materials with your child at home and make a note of any questions you might like to ask during the evening.

You will see from the Study Programme that all pupils in Year 11 will have an individual interview with Senior Leadership staff. The purpose of this initiative is to enable pupils to experience the formal approach they may expect of college and employment interviews, while also reviewing academic progress, establishing mock revision targets and considering plans for Post-16 study and future careers. Interviews will take place in the fortnight commencing Monday 12 October and your child will receive a formal letter of invitation to interview. Interviews precede the mock examination cycle which runs from Thursday 19 November – Monday 30 November.

We look forward to working with you and your child over the next year.

Yours sincerely

Ms S K Jones

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