

7th March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 GCSE Preparation Evening – Wednesday 20th March 2024

As you are aware, your child is currently sitting their final set of mock exams. For the first time, we are excited to introduce a second opportunity during the academic year for you to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their progress immediately after the completion of the mocks.

Our face-to-face Year 11 GCSE Preparation Evening will follow a similar format to parents' evenings in the past and will be held in the school hall from **4pm-7pm on Wednesday 20th March 2024**.

In order to ensure that all mock exams are accurately marked and moderated, we will use the evening as the first opportunity to share the grades achieved by your child in each subject. Your child's teachers will outline overall outcomes, areas for celebration and development as well as the next steps they need to work on for revision before their final GCSE exams which begin in May.

The GCSE Preparation Evening serves as a valuable opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress, academic achievements and areas for improvement in a supportive manner. It is the final chance for you to meet with your child's teachers one-to-one and address any concerns you may have in the final few weeks of their GCSE journey. Your support and encouragement are crucial during this pivotal time in your child's academic career, especially as they navigate the challenges of their first set of external exams at high school. Research consistently shows that parental engagement positively impacts a student's outcomes, leading to higher achievement levels and increased motivation.

There will also be further information provided on the evening about our Easter revision school. Teachers from Queen's Park High School, who have very kindly given up their time to support students during their Easter break, will lead these sessions across a range of subjects focusing on key topics, exam technique and revision strategies to help students maximise their potential.

GCSE Preparation Evening appointments are made through the School Cloud platform, similar to how Year 11 parents' evening appointments were made earlier in the year. Bookings can be made at https://queensparkhighschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/. A guide on how to book appointments is attached; no login details are required. Please be aware that details entered for your child's first name and surname must match with the preferred name given. If you are having issues with booking appointments on School Cloud, please do contact the school via Synergy.

If, for any reason, you are unable to attend the GCSE Preparation Evening, please get in touch via Synergy and we can arrange an alternative way to discuss your child's progress after their mock exams and next steps for revision. Your engagement and partnership with us are essential in ensuring success for your child and our shared commitment to their education.

Yours sincerely,

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