



4 October 2019

## To all Parents/Carers of Year 11 students

Dear Parent/Carer

Now that your daughter has settled into Year 11, we thought we would write with some important and useful information for the year ahead. It will invariably be a very quick year and we understand there is a lot of information to share at various points. With this in mind, we will be creating a Year 11 website which we intend to update throughout the year and use as a main point of reference. The URL for the website will be sent next week by text message and email.

### Key Dates

#### **Autumn Term**

Progress review evening (invited students only)	Wednesday 9th October 2019
Attitude to learning reports sent home	By Wednesday 9th October 2019
Sixth Form open evening (for all students)	Tuesday 29th October 2019
English Literature mock examination	Friday 1st November 2019
MFL mock examinations for speaking	W/c Monday 18th November 2019
Art mock examination	W/c Monday 18th November 2019
Mock examinations	Monday 25th Nov - Friday 6th December 2019
Wellbeing Day (school closure)	Friday 22nd November 2019
Non examined assessment days December 2019	Fri/Mon/Tues 13th/16th/17th
Last Day of Term for Year 11	Tuesday 17th December 2019
Early closure (for Years 7-10, 12/13, <b>not</b> Year 11)	Wednesday 4th December 2019
<i>NB: Group careers appointments will run throughout Term 1</i>	

#### **Spring Term**

Late Start (INSET)	Monday 6th January 2020
Mock examination results day	Friday 10th January 2020
Reports Available at Parents' Evening or via Appt.	Thursday 16th January 2020
Parents' Evening	Thursday 16th January 2020
Sixth form one to one meetings commence	W/c Monday 20th January 2020
Early closure (INSET)	Tuesday 4th February 2020
Mock examinations	Mon 2nd March - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Progress Reports sent home	By Monday 30th March 2020
Progress review evening (invited students only)	Monday 30th March 2020

#### **Summer Term**

Commemoration Day	Thursday 7th May 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 8th May 2020
Public examinations commence	Monday 11th May 2020
Public examinations end	Wednesday 24th June 2020
Return of all school books	W/c Monday 15th June 2020
Work experience	W/c Monday 6th July 2020

### **Tutor Time**

Your daughter is already in receipt of targeted intervention during morning tutor time periods. Our most senior teachers in the core subjects are leading these sessions and so it is therefore vital that your daughter arrives promptly (being early is encouraged) to tutor time. As and when a need arises, we may move students into a new tutor group, largely after a reporting cycle but also in response to feedback from core subject teachers. This helps us to ensure that all students receive timely and relevant interventions during the morning tutor time period.

### **Intervention Programme**

We have devised the first programme of after school intervention, working closely with subject leads to agree timings and appropriate areas of focus. In this first wave, eBACC subjects have been prioritised; there will be scope for further interventions later in the term/academic year. A personalised letter was sent home today with details of your daughter's intervention sessions; we encourage all students to make full use of the interventions available, attending as many sessions as they can (ideally all of them). Throughout this year there will be opportunities for every student to have input from our comprehensive intervention programme at a level which suits their needs.

### **Mock Examinations: Further Information**

We hold two sets of mock examinations in Year 11; one in Term 1 (November/December) and one in Term 2 (March). Most of the mock examinations will be conducted in the Sports Hall under examination conditions replicating the Public Exams in every detail.

Currently, Maths, Double Science, French and Spanish have Higher and Foundation tiers of entry. The outcomes of the mock examinations will inform subject teachers and Heads of Department as to which tier of entry your daughter will sit. Foundation runs from 1-5 and Higher from (generally 4-9). This is based purely on performance in the mock exams and can change between the December and March mock examinations. Students will not be moved to a higher tier unless their performance shows the capability and track record.

This is a successful school policy that provides results for our students. The tier of entry is not distinguished in result certification; for example a grade 5 is a grade 5 regardless of whether the Higher or Foundation tier has been sat. Heads of Department will decide the tier of entry based on their professional judgement of the students' prior performance. No other factors are considered.

It is therefore very important that your daughter revises thorough for each subject area, treating the mock examinations as a practice run for the public examinations. This is proven to help them feel confident and at ease during the public examinations.

### **Public Examinations: Further Information**

Provisional dates for each of the public examinations have now been published by examination boards and are available on their websites. We are in the process of collating a schedule of all public examinations for QE students which can be used for planning purposes. Further information regarding this will be sent out in due course. Nearer the time, your daughter will of course receive a personalised examination timetable.

### **Year 11 Prom, Year Book and Hoodies**

We are aware that our students will want to mark the end of their time in Year 11 and we have provisionally agreed a date for the Year 11 Prom of Monday 22nd June 2020. We will support Year 11 with the planning for the prom and the production of a year book and/or hoodies (if this these are desired) but we will largely look for this to be student-led. There will be opportunities for students to apply for these roles in due course.

## **Sixth Form Applications**

Many of our students choose to remain at Queen Elizabeth's for the Sixth Form and indeed our successful GCSE outcomes are mirrored in the Sixth Form as well. We are very fortunate to have a team solely comprised of subject specialist teachers in the Sixth Form. Our class sizes are attractive and the ease of transition from Year 11 into the Sixth Form enables teachers to provide strong support and personalised learning opportunities. In addition to our Sixth Form open evening on 29 October 2019, we will also be offering all students:

- an individual consultation with a member of the Sixth Form team to discuss entrance requirements, options and plans;
- a Sixth Form Taster Day to enable students to experience life in our sixth form and sample some lessons; and
- the opportunity to ask questions of current members of the sixth form.

Miss Southwell, Head of Sixth Form, will be happy to discuss any questions you or your daughter might have.

Should you have any questions at any stage this year, please contact your daughter's form tutor in the first instance by emailing: [office@qegschool.org.uk](mailto:office@qegschool.org.uk) stating your daughter's tutor within the email text.

Yours faithfully



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