

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear families

## Year 11 – information for the Autumn Term

Your child is fast approaching the end of their time at Newhouse Academy and Year 11 can be an exciting, as well as stressful time for students as they face their GCSE examinations and make decisions about their future.

At Newhouse Academy we are here to support 'Our People'; we have an experienced Year 11 team in-situ to support students through their final year and I am writing to you to outline our expectations of your child and the support available for them.

### Period 0, Form Time intervention and Period 7 Lessons

With effect from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, we will start our intervention sessions. Period 0 runs from 8am, Form Time intervention takes place during Form Time and Period 7 lessons run from 2.45pm to no later than 3.35pm. Period 7 sessions take place after school so that students can access their subject teacher without compromising any of their other lessons.

In these sessions, teachers will cover a range of skills, knowledge and exam technique. ***It is our expectation that all students attend all of their timetabled period 7 sessions.*** The timetable will change throughout the year and you will be informed when this happens. **Your child's intervention sessions can be seen on their timetable and they will be given a copy to bring home on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

### Formal Examinations

There will be two sets of Formal Examinations, each over a two-week period, which will take place during the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024. These 'unseen' exams will be held and delivered in exactly the same way as the summer GCSE examinations, therefore, they will help to make sure that students have a clear understanding of what is expected when the 'real' GCSE examinations start. Further information and a full timetable will be sent home prior to each set of examinations and there will be other periods of practical assessments outside of this time.

### Revision and Revision Support Sessions

Year 11 students will receive revision support sessions throughout the year. These will provide them with the tools they need to manage their time and revise effectively. Within the sessions, students look at strategies they can use to perform as their very best in examinations as well as learning how to manage any stress and their own wellbeing.

Later this term, some revision guides will be available for you to buy from the school and I will write again outlining what is available for your child.

Students should start revising now! If they have not already, they should begin by covering the topics taught in year 10 and adding in new topics and skills they are learning in year 11 as they go.

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### **Progress evenings**

We will hold a year 11 Progress Evening on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023. This is a perfect opportunity for you to meet your child's individual teachers to discuss progress, any areas they need to improve on and where any further support might be needed. Again, I will write to you nearer the time.

### **Rewards**

At Newhouse Academy we take pride in rewarding 'Our People' for their effort and attitude towards their studies. Year 11 is a challenging yet rewarding year. For those students who work hard and put in the effort we will do our best to ensure your child is rewarded and recognised.

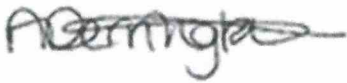
Please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or your child's Head of Year, Mr Walmsley, if you have any questions.

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We look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely



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