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11 February 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Year 11 Update (0083-21REL)

As we approach the final months of Year 11, we continue to prepare for a full Year 11 exam series in the summer. We are currently digesting the changes made by exam boards and ensuring that pupils are aware of what they need to do going into the summer exams.

March Mock Exam Series

As you know, Year 11 pupils will sit their second round of Mock Exams in March, straight after February half-term. The individual Mock Exam Timetable, along with the revision plan for this, will be sent to you early next week.

Mock Exam Results Day will be Wednesday 6th April 2022 during period 5 of the school day, where the pupils will receive a whole year group assembly and be given their mock results. Following this, from 3:30pm – 4:30pm, all Year 11 pupils will be with their mentor to discuss next steps moving forward with their mock results. Please let the school know if there is a reason your child cannot stay back for this supportive session.

FREE toast and breakfast bars will be available to all Year 11 pupils in the school Canteen each morning at 8.30am; to ensure pupils are prepared and ready to do their best.

Walking Talking Mocks

To prepare pupils for their upcoming mock exams, the usual intervention timetable will be collapsed next week and replaced with 'Walking Talking Mocks'. The schedule for these is below:

Monday 14 th	Tuesday 15 th	Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th	Friday 18 th
Science	English		History (virtual pre-recorded on Teams)	RE



Well done to pupils who have attended Geography and Maths Walking Talking Mocks this week – staff feedback has been very positive! We know you will support your child by encouraging them to attend every session available to them in order to achieve the best possible outcomes in the March mock exam series. Class Charts green 'Intervention' clicks will be added for pupils' attendance at these sessions.

School Holiday Interventions

We will be running February and Easter Intervention sessions to further support pupils. Pupils will be selected and booked in by their teachers. We will be in touch over the next week to let you know if your child has been signed up, and to which interventions. We will require your consent for your child to attend these sessions. Pupils will be rewarded with green clicks for their attendance.

Amended Timetables

In the last week, pupils who have finished controlled assessments in some subjects have received a new timetable. You will notice we have placed them into another of their option classes in order to get extra support and time in other subjects that they are yet to complete. Some pupils have also been selected to complete extra intervention in their Core PE time on Friday, Period 5.

MIND Exam Stress Workshops

Darlington MIND are running Exam Stress Workshops in school before the mock exams. Sessions are available on Friday 11th February Period 5 or Friday 18th February Period 5. Pupils can book a slot with Miss Howlett or Mrs Cleasby for a guaranteed place or turn up on the day as a drop-in session.

Apprenticeships and Careers Advice

All Year 11 pupils who expressed an interest in apprenticeships (via their interviews with Mrs Smith or by letting their tutors know) were invited to attend the apprenticeship workshop last week. This included registering with the apprenticeship website and provided information about how to look for an apprenticeship.

Mrs Smith sends out regular email updates to Year 11 pupils advertising what apprenticeship vacancies are currently available. These are also on the display board outside the library for pupils to see. Please encourage your child to regularly check their emails for the most up to date information.

Apprenticeships are also advertised on the Facebook page Swift Academies Careers so that parents / carers can see them. If you or your child have any questions about post-16 options, please email gillsmith@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk

Leavers Day Celebrations and Passport to the Prom

A reminder that pupils must have 92% or above on Class Charts to be eligible for Leavers Rewards, including hoodies, Leavers Day and Prom. Please continue to support your child by checking their Class Charts regularly and discussing the importance of positive behaviour. If you require your 'parent code' to check your child's Class Charts, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Main Reception or email enquiries@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk

Useful Revision Websites and Tips

As well as the Retrieval Strategies we promote in school (Quizzes, Thinking Maps, Flashcards, Jigsaws, Knowledge Organisers and Mini Whiteboards), we recommend the website Seneca Learning which is free to use and has a variety of interactive revision quizzes to check pupils' knowledge.

A great tip is to test your child on what they know. Take the retrieval strategies they have created and quiz them on the content. Doing this regularly will make a huge difference to your child's ability to recall key knowledge needed for their exams.

Head of Year 11

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Davies as our new Head of Year 11. Mrs Cleasby will continue to be a source of support for Year 11 in their final few months as her and Mrs Davies work alongside each other.

Mrs Davies has a vast array of experience in education and is looking forward to getting to know the Year 11 pupils and provide academic and welfare support to them during their final months with us.

Longfield has enjoyed the best run of Year 11 performance in its history in recent years, and this year group have huge potential to succeed this summer. We look forward to continuing to work with families throughout 2022.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via Reception on 01325 380815 or contact KDavies@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. K. Eldrington'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Miss R Eldrington

Assistant Headteacher