



Penryn
College

'Achieving through Challenge'

28th February 2019

Dear Parents/Carer(s),

Year 11 Countdown to GCSEs

As the countdown to GCSEs continues we will be providing opportunities for our students to reflect; enabling them to know what they can do, and what areas they need to improve. Preparing through revision at home will be key and your continued support here is invaluable. You will also have the opportunity to speak with teachers at **Subject Review on Tuesday 26th March**.

- **Attendance**

Children who have good attendance perform better at school and gain significantly higher GCSE results. Thank you again for making sure your child attends regularly. Students who are absent are expected to catch up on the work they have missed, please remind your child and check that they have done catch up work as quickly and as thoroughly as possible. In order to provide students with vital support for their exams, after the Easter holiday Year 11s will need to remain on site through lunch breaks.

Year 11 students are expected to attend all lessons at school until **Friday 14th June**, or their last exam if this is at a later date. In a very small number of exceptional cases, early study leave may be considered if students meet the criteria. This could commence on Friday 24th May; any applications here should be made in writing to Mrs Schouten by 23rd April.

- **When are the exams?**

The exams begin on **Monday 13th May**; please see your child's timetable enclosed. There are specific examination guidance documents and information for candidates saved on the Year 11 Showbie group, if you wish to receive a paper copy please inform the main office.

- **Are there subject revision sessions?**

Certain subjects will run revision sessions and these have been timetabled. Details of these can be found under the 'Clubs and Activities' tab on students' VLE page, this is also saved on the Year 11 Showbie group. Some students have been marked as 'compulsory' for these sessions; this is in order to support them in making the most progress they can. There are a range of ideas for revision available to students.

- **What will be in the exams and how is best to prepare?**

Each subject has written a guide, which can be found on Showbie. In addition, students have all been given a 'Y11 Guide Book' where they can see the details of subject content and plan their revision using the timetable section. Please encourage your child to share this with you. Getting ready for exams beyond school is key to success and students should be aiming for a magic 10 hours a week of revision at home.



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The Year 11 Showbie Group “**Y11 The Big Idea 2018-19**”, is an important source of information for students and parents/carers; please do take a look at the range of resources available. Each student has been logged in and parents/carers were invited to join in September. If you would like a new code to join please let the main office know.

This term we will be further supporting students through our Learning Resource Centre, providing copies of revision resources and past exam papers. This will enable our students to prepare beyond lesson time.

Students will continue to have ‘Prom Checks’. We will look at how we can support some students with their learning behaviours to ensure they have a place at the Prom if there are currently areas for improvement. There will be a series of checks and final decision here will be made by Friday 14th June.

Thank you for your continued support. As ever please do contact us should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Laing', with a small mark above the 'i'.

Mrs B Laing
Lead Practitioner