

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Preparing Year 11 for their GCSE exams

We are always reviewing the ways we can best serve Year 11 students as they enter this crucial phase of preparation for the final GCSE exams, and we would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the initiatives we have in place at Sheffield Springs Academy to support your child.

Session 5

We are relaunching our Session 5 programme that runs after school each day 3:10-4:00pm to support all students to revise effectively. All Year 11 students **are expected** to attend the maths (Monday), English (Tuesday) and science (Wednesday) Session 5 events each week until the end of the summer GCSE examinations. Some Year 11 students may also be expected to attend options Session 5s (Thursday and Friday if applicable in the table below). These sessions have proven in the past to significantly improve the grades of those who attend, hence why we are expecting students to attend all their Session 5s as listed below.

Your child's Session 5s

Day	Subject
Monday	Maths
Tuesday	English
Wednesday	Science
Thursday	History/Geography/Food/French
Friday	

These sessions are running this week, but the expectation of attending will start from next half-term.

Saturday school

We are running Saturday school most weeks in the lead up to exams. Like Easter half-term school, attendance is strongly recommended. Students who attend these Saturday sessions do score higher marks and are significantly more likely to achieve their target grade or above than those who do not attend. Sessions run 10-11am and 11-12pm and we urge students to attend in a timely manner to ensure they do not miss out on key content or unwittingly disrupt sessions. Sessions will be updated on the school website and Instagram page.

Easter half-term school

We are running Easter school for Year 11s on both weeks of half-term to support students in the run up to their GCSE exams. Sessions will run Tuesday to Thursday each week. We strongly encourage students to attend as many sessions as possible as sessions will be covering important revision content in the lead to the examination period. Students will receive rewards points for attending that contribute to The Final Countdown reward policy. The Easter sessions are as follows:

Date	10am-11am	11am-12pm	12pm-1pm
Tue 31 March	Maths	Maths	Maths
	Science	Science	Science
	Textiles	Textiles	Textiles
		History	History
Wed 1 April	Maths	Maths	Maths
	English	English	English
	Performing Arts	Performing Arts	Performing Arts
Thurs 2 April	Maths	Maths	Maths
	English	English	English
	Art	Art	Art
	History	History	
Tue 7 April	Maths	Maths	Maths
	English	English	English
	Science	Science	Science
	Textiles	Textiles	Textiles
Wed 8 April	Maths	Maths	Maths
	English	English	English
	Citizenship		
Thurs 9 April	Maths	Maths	Maths
	Art	Art	Art
	Citizenship		

Support for students suffering from exam anxiety

The realisation of the challenge ahead in Year 11 can be overwhelming for some and we are very conscious of this. If any students require additional support, please encourage them to speak to their Form Tutor, Head of Year or any member of the Senior Leadership Team. We understand that Year 11 can be as challenging for family as it is for the students themselves, and it is our aim to support you and your child in any way we can through this time. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Saville



Vice Principal