

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As the February half term approaches, I just wanted to update you with all of the key dates, links to resources and the interventions that will be taking place over the next few weeks. All students who are wanting to stay on in the sixth form have completed their applications on line and provided they meet the entry requirements will automatically gain a place in the sixth form.

Following on from the mock exams we have looked at results and some students will be moving forms (we have English, Maths and Science forms) after half term, if we think this will benefit them.

We currently offer the following **revision sessions** for Year 11 students:

Subject	Day	Time	Room(s)
Maths- drop-in for all	Tuesday	3.00-4.00pm	JB1
Maths targeted intervention (invite only)	Tuesday	3.00-4.00pm	JB6
Maths surgery	Tuesday	12.50-1.25pm	JB1
English Lit	Thursday - Starts OCT	2.55-3.30pm	E2, E3, E4
Science - Double	Wednesday (invite only)	3.00-4.00pm	SC3
Science - Triple	Wednesday (invite only)	3.00-4.00pm	SC5
Science – drop in	Wednesday	3.00-4.00pm	SC6
History	Friday (invitation only)	2.50-3:25pm	H2/H4
Geography	Thursday Week 1 & Friday Week 2	1.00-1.25pm	G2
Drama	Any day (with prior agreement)	12.50-1.25pm or 2.50-3.50	DS1/DS2/Hall
Drama (theory)	Friday	12.50-1.25pm	DS1
Business Studies	Monday	3.00-4.00pm	VI
Health and Social	Mon/Tue (directed) Thu/Fri (drop-in)	12.50-1.25pm	Gallery
RE	Thursday	12:50-1:25pm	RE3
Design	Friday	2:50 – 3:50pm	CD1/JB7
French	Thursday	3.00-4.00pm	ML1
Spanish	Thursday	3.00-4.00pm	ML2
Music- Composition Clinic	Monday & Wednesday	3.00-4.00pm	Mu2
All subjects	Everyday	12.50-1.25	JB3 with Mrs Comiskey

Students who attended 6 intervention sessions last year following on from their mocks achieved on average a grade higher than those who didn't, so we do place a high importance on students attending these sessions.

With only 11 school weeks left until the GCSE exams start, we will be offering more support over this period of time. Please follow us on **social media**. We will be posting weekly updates, tips and revision strategies, specifically for Year 11 students. You can follow us at:

Facebook: [@HorsforthSchool](#)

Twitter: [@HorsforthSchool](#)

Instagram: [horsforthschool](https://www.instagram.com/horsforthschool)

We will be holding a **Year 11 Parental Revision evening on Monday 9 March** where staff will be running workshops on specific revision tips and strategies. All parents/carers are warmly invited to attend with or without their son/daughter.

The **Paper 2 mocks** will take place for English, Maths and Science in the sports hall or library w/c 2 March, as well as some 'Walking Talking Mocks' where the staff complete the exam paper along with them in the sports hall using a visualiser and presentation to show them how to answer the questions, specific exam technique and using timings.

The mock exams will take place at the following times:

	Monday 2 March	Tuesday 3 March	Wednesday 4 March	Thursday 5 March
8.30 - 10.30		Science Walking Talking Mock	Chemistry Paper 2 Double: 75 mins Triple: 105 mins	Physics Paper 2 Double: 75 mins Triple: 105 mins
10.50 - 12.50		Biology Paper 2 Double: 75 mins Triple: 105 mins		Maths Paper 3 (90 mins)
1.30 - 3.30	English Walking Talking Mock	History Walking Talking Mock	English Lang Paper (90 mins)	

Maths: To prepare for the summer exams, maths will be setting a weekly past exam paper for students to complete at home.

Science: To prepare students for the second set of mocks, students have received an exam paper for each of their science subjects. An electronic copy is also available on the science website <https://sites.google.com/view/gcse-science-revision-countdown/home?authuser=1> which will have a weekly countdown to the summer exams and a variety of activities to support learning.

It also contains a link to the science revision resources which links to websites, quizzes, instructional videos and more.

We have a **number of apps and resources** that we subscribe to and details of log ins are:

GCSEPod: <https://www.gcsepod.com/>

Click "Login" to go to the login page then,

If you haven't logged in before: Click 'New Here? Get Started' to set up your account .

If you have an account: click "Sign in with Google" and use your school email and password

HEGARTY MATHS: <https://hegartymaths.com/>

1. Click 'Existing Users'.
2. Click 'Student log in'.
3. Type 'Horsforth' and select 'Horsforth School' from the list

Students enter their name and date of birth, and are asked to create a password for themselves. We recommend that they use their school password so it is easier to remember, but if a student forgets a password they can request a password reset on the website.

KERBOODLE:

www.kerboodle.com

Username:

First initial and full surname (eg jsmith)

Password:

Username on first login then student sets own password

Institution Code:

wna6

PiXL:

<https://students.pixl.org.uk/#!/login>

PiXL Independence provides students with access to a wide range of resources.

They need to enter our PiXL school number and password which can be found in their planners.

Finally, here are some key dates for the remainder of this year:

- 9 Mar — Yr II Engage Evening
- 25/26/27 Mar — GCSE Music Performance exam
- 1/2 April — GCSE Drama external exam
- 22 April to 5 May—GCSE Languages speaking tests, Photography & Art exams
- 11 May to 24 June—GCSE external exams period
- 26 June—Yr II Leavers assembly and Prom
- 20 Aug - Yr II GCSE results day

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a restful half term break.

Yours Faithfully

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