

4th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Extended Learning for Year 11 Students – commencing Monday 8th February

I am writing to inform parents/carers that extended learning will commence for Year 11 students **from Monday 8th February 2021**. This will provide a crucial opportunity for students to secure curriculum knowledge and practice their application of this knowledge. We are asking students to commit to a programme of five extended learning sessions.

We have stressed in previous communication with parents/carers the importance of students continuing with their hard-work in all aspects of their learning. This learning will be essential in achieving the qualifications they deserve and, as previously shared, we are committed to providing further assessment points throughout the remainder of the year. In addition to the live lesson's students are attending across their normal school timetable, small group practice sessions will be commencing from Monday 8th February as part of extended learning.

Extended Learning

- Students will be required to attend **one additional session per week**
- The sessions will be **online using MS Teams** and will be **small group session** to facilitate personalised support
- The sessions will happen one afternoon throughout the week at **4pm**, and will last up to **40 minutes**
- We will post on the **Year 11 MS Teams Pastoral Page** the subject and day of the week each student is expected to attend, it is the **student's responsibility to check their extended learning**
- This extended learning session will also appear in the **MS Teams calendar**
- We expect **100% attendance** across the programme of 5 sessions

We know that students receiving targeted support in small groups has a significant impact on progress. We have thought carefully about the best way to offer extended learning, balancing the need to support student achievement with concerns about excessive screen time. With this in consideration, we have decided on the model outlined above whereby students only attend one additional session per week of no more than 40 minutes. We are grateful for the support that you will offer in ensuring 100% attendance. Any questions, please contact Mr Ball through info@isaacnewtonacademy.org.

Yours sincerely,



Patrick Ball
Assistant Principal