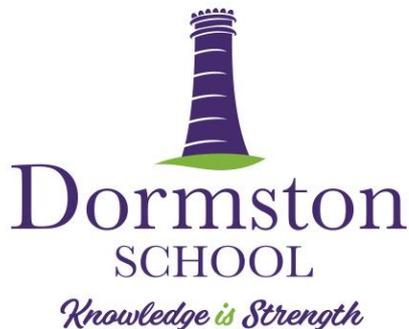


Our Ref: NGY/KON

January 2023



ALL YEAR 11 PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to begin by saying a huge well done to our Year 11 students. Their behaviour and attitude during the last set of mock examinations in January was exemplary. I am very pleased to be able to say that the vast majority of Year 11 have returned to school very positive and willing to tackle the challenges of their penultimate term.

Over the last few weeks students have been receiving feedback from their first set of mocks so that they can continue to make improvements in preparation for their next set of mocks, and, ultimately, their final GCSE examinations. They have worked with their tutors on revision techniques and should spend the coming weeks scheduling a thorough revision programme which includes enough time to complete practice questions. They have 5 weeks until their next set of mock examinations (starting on Mon 27th February 2023) and only 9 weeks (7 school weeks) after this until the summer examinations, so it is vital they organise their time wisely. I will be going through this with them in assembly but if you feel your child needs any additional support in this area, please do not hesitate to contact me.

ATTENDANCE

Analysis of both the mock examination data and last year's examination results has highlighted the importance of attendance. In 2022 a typical Dormston pupil with attendance **above 97%** achieved **7 grades higher** than 'expected' across all of their subjects. Students with attendance between 95% and 97% achieved 3 grades higher and attendance between 92% and 95% students hit their expected grades. If attendance was below 92% students did not typically hit their expected grades. To achieve the best possible outcomes, it is vital that students attend every possible session, fully engaged and ready to learn.

YEAR 11 REPORTS

On **Thursday 26 January 2023 Year 11 Reports** will be available on **GO4Schools**. This will include a CURRENT GRADE and an EFFORT GRADE for each of your child's subjects. The current grade will be a combination of the results of the mock examination and any other work that could be considered, for example practical or class-based assessments.

YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHS

These will be held on **Friday 17th February 2023**.

Post 16

The expectation is that all students will have made and secured at least one post 16 place by this stage. If this is not the case and your child requires some additional support in this area please contact Mrs Dawes (ldawes@dormston.dudley.sch.uk).

PROM

Mrs Elliott will be delivering the exciting news about the Class of 2023 Prom in assembly next week.



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I am sure that we can count on your support in this drive towards their terminal examinations – checking their revision timetable, looking at the website that has a range of revision materials, talking to them about their reports and what they need to do to ensure they achieve expected progress and reinforcing the importance of good revision habits. They should look for the pen rather than the book – as good revision is doing practice questions and checking and self-correcting. If you would like any support with revision strategies email fmoseley@dormston.dudley.sch.uk and she will offer suggestions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Grundy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'N'.

Nick Grundy
Deputy Headteacher