

St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Dear Parents/Carers in Year 11

I hope your child is settling back into the routines of school life and their GCSE studies. This week you will be receiving a grade report updating you on your child's progress so far this half term and an expected grade. This is based on work they have done so far in Year 11, classroom and homework assessments and how they made progress in Year 10. There is also an indication of how they have settled back into the routines of learning in the classroom and the completion of homework to the highest standards.

During the week beginning 9th November your child's tutor will contact you to discuss your child's progress and how they have settled back into Year 11. Normally, we would invite the parents and carers of Year 11 pupils into school during the first term to speak to their teachers in a more traditional parent's evening. However due to the Covid 19 social distancing measures, it would be more appropriate to contact you directly by telephone. The phone calls will take place from Tuesday 10th November to Thursday 12th November between 3:30 and 5:30pm. The call should last no longer than 5 minutes and will provide you with an opportunity to briefly discuss the first half term. If we are unable to make contact with you during this time then we will make contact with you the following week or at a more convenient time for you. As ever, if in the meantime you have any particular concern or query, please contact your child's Head of House as normal.

From the week beginning 16th November there will be an online presentation to replace the parent's information evening that would normally take place this term. Your child will be given a revision preparation pack next half term with information on each subject and revision information. Students are also being prepared for revision and exams in the tutorial period through the "Ready to Revise" programme that is delivered during this time.

Students will be sitting mock exams after Christmas from 4th January to 15th January 2021. Next half term students may also be asked to attend extra intervention sessions to prepare for this. All lessons are on Teams so please support your child in accessing Teams lessons if they are absent from school. All students have access to GCSEpod which is an important revision aid and will help to consolidate any areas they may need further explanation in. You will receive a full written report and another opportunity to discuss your child's progress in early February.

If you have any further questions regarding your child's progress please contact your child's Head of House. Many thanks for your continued support with students' return to school and accessing learning through Teams and I wish you and your families well.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Dunn Assistant Head Teacher



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