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BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College
with Applied Learning
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Dear Parents/Guardians

Learning Recovery

Due to the effects of the pandemic, some students have missed some learning and may have gaps in their knowledge. As a school, we want to support students in closing any such gaps, so that they can achieve the best possible grades in the exams at the end of Year 11. The government has indicated its intention that the exams will go ahead in Summer 2022, so we want to help our students to prepare as well as possible. Consequently, we have put together a range of strategies to help students.

Period 6

As you may know, at Bedford we usually offer some extra sessions after school for Year 11 students, to help them to revise and prepare for final exams, so that they can achieve the best grades possible. We call these sessions 'Period 6'. However, with the current Year 10, we want to start this early. Consequently, there will be Period 6 sessions during the remainder of this term.

Monday	English
Tuesday	Options subjects
Wednesday	Maths
Thursday	Options subjects
Friday	Science

Period 6 is designed to operate flexibly, as required. Sometimes a subject teacher will ask a whole class to stay for Period 6. On other occasions a subject teacher may ask part of a class to stay to work on a particular aspect. The length of Period 6 may vary but will not last more than an hour. We expect students to stay for Period 6 when asked. We also expect the same high standards of behaviour and effort from students during Period 6 as in any other lesson. It is important to recognise that teachers give this extra time on a voluntary basis because they want to help students to achieve the best grades possible.

Summer Study

Subject teachers will set work for students to complete over the Summer holidays. We understand that students will need to have a rest and spend time with families over the Summer. However, within the six weeks, it would be useful for students to find time for some study. This will strengthen learning and help students to get into a good routine of completing extra work at home, which will be important throughout Year 11, when regular revision will be essential for success.

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To support this, we are currently creating a site on Frog which will allow students to access all of the key learning resources in all subjects. This will ensure that your child can access the following anytime and anywhere:

- The specification for the subject.
- How the subject is examined.
- Overview of the course by Unit/Module.
- Key teaching resources to support each element of the course including recorded lessons.
- Self-testing sites to support the closing of gaps in learning.
- Past paper practice.
- Key tips for success at GCSE and how to revise effectively.

We will provide further details on this exciting resource when it becomes available next month.

Academic Review Meetings

Between 5th and 16th July, each Year 10 student will meet with a Senior Leader in school. The purpose of this will be to review the current position, based on the recent screening grades, and to agree a plan, so that each student knows exactly what he/she needs to do to maximise progress, and what resources and support is available. Your child will be informed of their appointment time in advance. Ideally, we would invite parents to these meetings, but in the current circumstances, this is not possible. However, the relevant Senior Leader will contact parents after each meeting to share the outcomes from the meeting and discuss any issues with you.

To make this as productive as possible, each student will be asked to prepare by speaking to their teachers in advance of their review meeting, to find out and make a note of what they need to do in each subject.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Shelton
Deputy Head