

4 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Y13 parent teacher consultation that took place virtually on Wednesday. Hopefully you had an opportunity to have a productive conversation with your child's teachers and you are clear as to where they are academically and what they can do in the upcoming months to best prepare them for their exams. I write to you today with further information on how the school is preparing each student for success in their examinations.

Currently, there have been no changes to length, number or format of exam papers, except where specific changes have been made to individual subjects. A minority of subjects have had minor changes made by Ofqual to the exams, these have been reviewed by staff and curriculums have been adjusted to accommodate these. It is the current expectation from the Academy and the Government that all Y13 students will complete their A Level assessments in the Summer of 2021.

However, the Academy must be prepared in case there are any changes to the exam series in the summer. Nationally there is an increased inconsistency across the level of educational access, creating unfairness. Last year mock data was used to support CAG (centre assessed grading). Whilst mock grades were not the only defining factor, they were a very useful indicator. Therefore, if the situation changes, mock results could become very significant. For that reason, it is extremely important that students are best prepared for rigorous mock exams that will give an accurate reflection of where they are at academically when they sit them during the week beginning 18th January 2021.

To ensure students are prepared for the examinations, the Academy is offering several revision sessions for students in the lead up to the mock examinations. These sessions are being offered at weekends to help prepare students for success. I have attached a copy of the revision session timetable to this letter and students will also be given a copy. The timetable clearly identifies which classes or groups of students are invited to a session and teachers will also ensure students are reminded in advance.

The sessions we are offering are not mandatory, however, we would encourage students that are invited to attend, to ensure they make the best progress they can. The more preparation that students complete early on in Year 13, the more confident they are going in to both their mocks and their summer examinations.

Should you have any queries regarding the revision sessions we are offering, please contact the Academy. Queries around specific subject revision sessions should be directed to the subject specific teacher. If your query is a generic one, then please contact tracie.deane@thebourneacademy.com or dean.taafe@thebourneacademy.com

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Weekend Revision Sessions

Date of session	Time	Subject	Staff member(s) leading session	Year group & class targeted	Room Number
Saturday 5 December	09.00-14.00	RS	HH	13RS	HU4
Saturday 12 December	09.00-13.00	RS	HH	13RS	HU4
Saturday 9 January	09:00-13:00	Psychology - Y13	AJR	Y13	Hu2
	11:00-16:00	Chemistry - yr 13	SS	Yr 13	stem 12
Sunday 10 January	10:00-14:00	History - Y13	DSC	Y13	HU1
	14:00-17:00	Sociology	DSC	Y13	HU1
Saturday 16 January	10:00-14:00	History - Y13	Mcu	Y13	HU1
Sunday 17 January	10:00-14:00	Business	KLL	Y13	HU04

Yours faithfully,

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