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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 13 News – Personal Development, Study Conferences, Prelim Exams, Exam Support Programme, and Year 13 Prom

Personal Development

After February half term, we are changing how personal development lessons are delivered. Instead of these being within the timetable as a 1 hour session per week, these will be delivered during Friday's compulsory tutor session; which takes place every Friday morning from 8.40am to 9.20am. The personal development lessons will be given over to revision for Year 13 students. Please note that students are still expected to stay on school site in their tutor groups for this lesson. We are also planning to deliver subject revision sessions during this time. More details about these sessions will be provided to students after half term.

Study Conferences

Study conferences will be held from Monday 27 February to Friday 3 March. These conferences will focus primarily on examination techniques. This year we have opted to spread the study conferences over a week rather than be held on 1 or 2 days, to reduce the number of clashes between sessions and lessons. Please note, that there are only two students who have a clash between sessions and they have been directed by the KS5 pastoral team as to which conference to attend. Students will be expected to attend the study conferences scheduled below, with other timetabled lessons continuing as usual. Therefore, if a student misses one of their lessons to attend a conference, they will be expected to catch up on any missed work in their own time. Subjects which are not featured below will concentrate on examination technique during their timetabled lessons.

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Monday 27 Feb	Biology	Biology	Biology		
Tuesday 28 Feb		Physics	Physics		
Wednesday 1 Mar	Economics	Economics	Geography	Geography	Geography
Thursday 2 Mar		Mathematics	Mathematics		
Friday 3 Mar	Chemistry	Chemistry	Business Studies	Business Studies	

Prelim Exams

Prelim Exams are scheduled to be held between Friday 17 March and Tuesday 21 March. Students are only expected to be in school for their exams with no other timetabled lessons. Additionally, for the two weeks prior to the prelim exams, students will not be set any substantial pieces of homework other than revision. Prelim results will be published on Friday 5 May 2023.

Exam Support Programme

By Friday 12 May, all subjects will have completed the course content, and there will be a celebration assembly in the afternoon. Further details about the assembly will be shared with the students in due course. Students will then begin their exam study programme, which has been created after a consultation with the student senior team to ensure that their time is maximised and used effectively in the run up to exams. Staff will be available for students during their normal timetabled lessons, when students are not sitting exams. An exam support programme timetable will be published later in the spring term to students and parents.

Year 13 Prom

You may be aware there is a senior student team in the Sixth Form that are responsible for organising social events for students both during and after the school day. This year, the team have organised the Leavers Prom, which will take place on Monday 17 July 2023. Please note that the prom will not have any staff presence, nor will it be risk assessed.

I would like to thank you for all the work you are doing behind the scenes. I would ask for your support in continuing to ensure your child's attendance remains strong and consistent and that if your child has a part time job, they are not working more than 8 to 10 hours a week.

If you have any concerns, please email me via k.birch@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely



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