

# LeAF Studio

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week in school we launched a new intervention plan with our Year 11 students. Every year, we put in place a series of measures and interventions designed to help support all Year 11 students in the build up to their final exams in the summer term and this year, with the significant impact of Covid and the lockdown, this is even more important than ever. I wanted to take the opportunity to summarise these interventions for you so that you are aware and can support your child as they engage with these in the time they have left in Year 11.

## Progress assemblies

Year 11 attended their first Progress assembly last week, where we showed them a brief summary of the support that is available to them this year. Students will have regular Progress assemblies between now and the exams – the purpose of these is to keep them fully informed about their individual progress and support them with everything from time management and revision strategies to dealing with stress and wider careers support.

## Intervention timetable

This week, we also launched our Year 11 intervention timetable with the students. These are extra revision sessions put on weekly by each subject. For now, these are voluntary but as time goes on students may be required to attend sessions specific to their individual strengths and weaknesses. Many have attended sessions already and I have included a copy of this timetable below for your information. Please encourage your child to attend those sessions that are relevant to them. All sessions are in Ennis unless otherwise stated.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8-8.30am	Business				
11-11.30am	Philosophy & Ethics		Spanish	BTEC Sport	French Maths – Foundation
1.30-2pm	Music	English	Geography	Drama GCSE PE	Maths – Higher
After school		Science	Dance (Monroe)	Film Studies (Macarth)	

## **Mentoring**

Each year, we allocate academic mentors to support targeted students as they prepare for their exams in Year 11. These mentors can be either teaching or support staff and their role is to meet regularly with their student/s in order to support them in any way they can as well as acting as a liaison between them and their teachers. Further details of this intervention will be shared with parents of those students selected in the coming weeks. In addition, students have been receiving support with English and Maths during tutor time, as well as guidance around revision strategies and preparation for their first mocks in November.

## **Year 11 Revision evening**

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions caused by Covid we are unable to hold our annual Revision evening at the end of this half term. However, we will still be hosting this session online so please put the following details in your calendar and join us as we go through ways you can support your child as they revise for their exams in the summer.

- Yr 11 Revision evening – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October @ 6pm

The link for the evening will be emailed out to all Year 11 parents nearer the time. If you are unable to make this evening, then the session will be recorded and available for you to view at your convenience. Resources from the evening will also be sent out to all year 11 parents and will also be available on our Year 11 revision page on the main school website.

## **Exam arrangements**

At the time of writing, we are working on the assumption that exams will go ahead as normal next summer. The current guidance from the government states that exams are continuing as planned but if we have learnt anything over the last few months then we know that nothing is definite. Just this morning there has been some talk by an education minister about possibly delaying the exams by several weeks to make up for the time lost during lockdown. Whatever happens, I would urge parents not to book any holidays or trips until we have a clearer idea of when the exams will finally be over. We will be continuing to prepare the students for their exams as per normal and will obviously update you as and when we hear of any potential changes to the planned exam arrangements.

Once again, thank you for all your support as we strive to help your children reach their full potential in the summer.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Clark  
**Vice Principal**