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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Term 2 update**

I hope this finds you and your family safe and well. I wanted to update you on our focus for Term 2 with a few reminders.

### **Year 11 Study Café**

The Study Café continues this term. It is a supervised and focused environment for students to be able to complete some independent revision and seek support and help with revision strategies if needed. Students will need to bring their revision materials with them for the subject they are choosing to focus on in the session. Many students are using this support which is great to see!

### **November assessments**

As you are aware, your child is currently sitting their first round of mini mock exams this month. Students have been briefed in how these first mock exams will run and they are encouraged to either speak to their Personal Tutor or me if they have any worries or concerns. Our aim is to replicate the summer exams so students are as comfortable with the experience as they can be.

### **Summer 2022 examinations**

Whilst there is obvious uncertainty created by Covid 19, we anticipate that your child will sit their GCSE examinations in the summer term. In my last letter to you, we were waiting to hear the results of an Ofqual consultation that closed in July. These have been announced and the link below explains the changes and contingency plans. Please be aware that this information was released to schools on 11<sup>th</sup> November and schools are working their way through the practicalities of the arrangements.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students>

Some subjects are still awaiting further guidance that will be shared by Ofqual and the exam boards in February 2022. As soon as individual subjects know the outcomes of this, they will adapt their planning accordingly.

## Sixth Form applications

Open Evenings for Sixth Forms and Colleges are fast approaching. UKAT Sixth Form has its event next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 6 - 8pm at the Pilkington Building, the Medway Campus for University of Kent. To register for this event please use the link below:  
<https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/>

Students will be completing applications for Sixth Form. If a reference is required, please use my email address. If students are unsure of their next steps, they can discuss any worries or concerns with myself or their Personal Tutor.

## Year 11 Parents Evening

Reports will be issued at the end of this term and will show your child's attainment from their latest assessments. These can then be discussed at our first Year 11 Parents' Evening with your child's teachers. This evening will be held at the start of Term 3, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Information on how to make appointments will be sent to you before the end of this term.

## Subject specific support

To support your child's preparation for these mock exams, and future assessments, many subject specific sessions continue to be held for students this term, either before or after school. At this stage in the academic year not all subjects will be running these sessions. Your child should check with their teacher where the sessions will be held.

Day	Start time	Subject
Tuesday	8am	English
	3pm	Maths
Wednesday	8am	German/French/Spanish
Thursday	8am	History
	3pm	Business Studies (invite only)
		Art/Textiles
Friday	8am	Science
	2pm	Psychology
	2pm	Drama (invite only)

## Attendance

I also wanted to include a brief reminder regarding attendance. I am sure you can appreciate why we need to be updated swiftly if there are changes in the health of your child. Should your child be absent for any reason, please contact the school by 8.30am for each day of absence. You can call the main school number 01634 851262, selecting option 1 for attendance or email [officecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:officecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk) or [attendancecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:attendancecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk) .

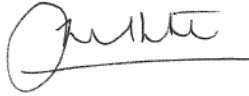
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Please give a brief explanation for the reason for absence. Please keep the school updated with any changes. Should we need to discuss this further, you may be contacted by the Attendance department.

In what continues to be a year of change and uncertainty our students continue to show resilience and a determination to succeed, they are a remarkable group of young people.

Yours faithfully,



Samantha Shillitoe  
Assistant Principal

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