

11 December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Cohort 2020 - This is your Year
Thursday 9th January, 6 - 7pm – Main Hall

Headteacher
 Mrs E Leigh-Bennett

As we approach the end of term 2, we felt that this was a good opportunity to reflect upon the progress that has been made this academic year. We are and were really pleased with our year 11 Mock results. It was clear to see that our students approached these well. We have congratulated them. By way of preparing our students for term 3, we are needing our students to complete a short piece of revision work over the holiday for each of their subjects. Your support here is much appreciated and needed.

When we return on Tuesday 7th January, students will be starting term 3 with Beat Time which, for year 11 will be specifically designed to focus upon starting the year the right way. We will be coaching students in small groups, focussing on the skills needed to plan their time and revise effectively in the lead up to the second Mock period in March and into the main exam period starting in May. All information relating to Cohort 2020 can be found using the Cohort 2020 tab of the school website which can be located under "Quicklinks" menu. This is regularly updated so please do check regularly.

Alongside these student sessions, we will be running a parent event on 9th January at 6pm. This event is specifically designed to help you support your child through the biggest challenge of their academic journey so far. The evening will be opened with a welcome from Mrs Leigh-Bennett as well as a student who completed their GCSEs last summer. They will share a personal reflection. Following this, there will be a selection of sessions for you to attend and we ask that you pick 2 from the list below.

Please respond to the group call message using the numbers of the two sessions you have selected. We will confirm your personal itinerary for the night by Thursday 19th December.

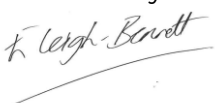
Session	Led By	select
1. Effective time planning – how to cover everything that you need to before the exams and still have some time for you	Mrs Lees & Miss Davis	
2. Managing Anxiety – practical strategies to prevent anxiety in the lead up to exams	Mrs Magenty & Miss Winwood	
3. Proven strategies for revision – make good use of your time so you can learn your exam content efficiently and remember it for longer	Mrs Strett & Mrs Simmons-Gumm	
4. Motivation and Support – helping your teenager get started and keep focussed	Mr Salles & Mrs Norris	

We very much look forward to welcoming you on **Thursday 9th January at 6pm** and working with you to ensure that your son/daughter goes on to have success at the end of their GCSE period.

Should you be unable to attend, please email Miss Davis, Progress Leader for Year 11 by Tuesday 17th December. (mdavis@kingsdownschool.co.uk).

We all look forward to seeing you in January. For now, we wish you and your family and happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Leigh-Bennett
 Headteacher



Mrs R Lees
 Assistant Headteacher