



OLD BUCKENHAM  
HIGH SCHOOL

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2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the return to school we have been focussing on ensuring all our students feel safe and happy. For our Year 11 students, we are particularly aware of the additional anxieties that their final GCSE year brings; a situation which has not been helped by the lack of clarity about how examinations will take place in the summer. In addition to ensuring that Year 11 are receiving excellent teaching in their lessons, we are also offering additional input and support in the following ways:

**Core subject after school lessons 4.00 - 4.45pm w/c 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Monday: Maths

Tuesday: English

Thursday: Science

Students will be advised of which sessions they are expected to attend. Students not specifically invited to in-person sessions will be able to attend remotely, if they wish, using a live link through Microsoft Teams.

**Parent/Carer Revision Workshop (online) w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Advice on how you can support your child with their revision, including subject specific strategies, more details to follow.

**Year 11 Progress Evening (online) 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Our Year 11 Progress Evening will take place via an online platform, more details of how this will work and how to make appointments will follow.

**Mock Exams w/c 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Students will be sitting mock exams for all of their subjects in formal exam conditions, with social distancing in place. It is important to note that the results from these exams will be used, alongside other measures, to inform centre assessed grades (CAGs) in the event of students not sitting the expected exams in the summer, as we saw in the August 2020 results. Therefore, it is imperative that students are keeping up with all classwork and homework. Homework is visible on Go4Schools and revision resources are available in their Microsoft class Teams.



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### Changes to the School Day

The structure of the school day has changed. Year 11 students now have two additional lessons each day: Base Time and Independent Learning Time. In Base Time your child has the opportunity to plan how they will achieve their personal goals. In Independent Learning Time, students are taught learning and revision strategies and given the opportunity to complete individual, independent revision.

### Revision Guides

Discounted revision guides can be purchased through WisePay. These will be detailed in a separate letter w/c 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### Post-16 Guidance

The usual procedure of visiting colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> form providers is disrupted this year due to the pandemic. To enable students to make informed and appropriate choices there will be a series of virtual presentations from our closest providers. To compliment this, our careers adviser Ellen Alexander has already started to speak to students about their post-16 options. If your child would like to speak to the careers service, appointments can be made through their tutor or with Mrs Taylor via [rtaylor@obhs.co.uk](mailto:rtaylor@obhs.co.uk).

### Pastoral Support

Mr Taylor and Mrs Wabe remain available to care for your child's pastoral needs: offering high quality support, guidance and signposting to outside professionals where appropriate. Please contact them for advice should you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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