



YEAR 11

HOW WE ALL WILL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

It's almost half term. Wow! It's gone by so quickly, but I guess so have the last four years.

Year 11 is well and truly underway, and it is a very special, yet tough one. They have had so much to deal with and, for the most part, they have been truly magnificent.

No matter what has happened in the past, I must remind us all that Year 11 students have be the best they can this year. They are the most special young people in our building because they are the ones who will need most support as we progress through to the exam season in May and June. We are determined that they have whatever is required to do amazing things and achieve the results they are capable of in August 2021.

This booklet is designed to give students and families the information needed to help over the next few months. The information, where possible, is personalised to each individual and covers such things as Attendance, Revision (including GCSE POD), Intervention through Period 6 and tutor time and Key staff and dates. Use it well.

Lastly, I want each student to think about their attitude. For me that is the one thing that will define them all as the year progresses. I want them to believe they are special and that anything is possible as long as they are willing to work really hard, never give up and do whatever is required of them to make this academic year incredibly special.

I am very proud to know each of them and I want them to have amazing lives beyond Beckfoot. We will 100% do our bit and all I ask is that we have the full support of families to explore the limitless possibilities of the year ahead.

SIMON WADE, Headteacher

PERIOD 6

All period 6 sessions will run 2:45pm until 3:45pm.

KEY DATES

2 November 2020

PERIOD 6 STARTS

20 November 2020

SCIENCE PAPER 1 MOCK

23 November 2020

ENGLISH LANGUAGE MOCK

24 November 2020

MATHS PAPER 2 MOCK

25 November 2020

SCIENCE PAPER 2 MOCK

26 November 2020

SCIENCE PAPER 3 MOCK

26 November 2020

MATHS PAPER 2 MOCK

30 November 2020

FOOD MOCK

4 December 2020

FOOD MOCK

w/c 7 December 2020

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10 December 2020

VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENING

19 December 2020

CHRISTMAS BREAK

NAME: **STUDENT NAME** TUTOR: **TUTOR GROUP**

This following timetable is compulsory for «Preferred_Forename» between 2 November 2020 and Christmas 2020.

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1:				
Week 2:				



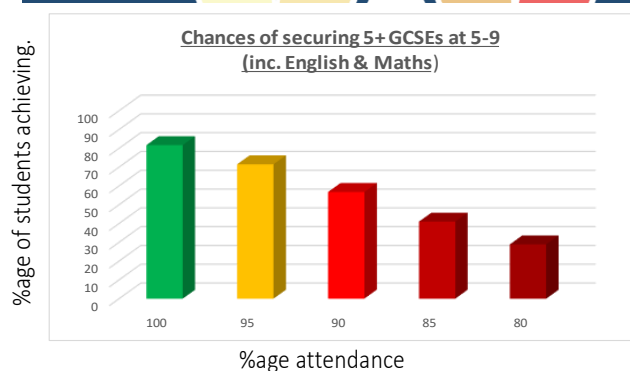
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Please note, if the compulsory timetable is blank, students are still welcome to attend any Period 6 shown below. This is the Period 6 timetable for drop-in sessions for all our Year 11 students. Please

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1: 02.11.2020 16.11.2020 30.11.2020 14.12.2020	MATHS	BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE, DT, RE, HOSPITALITY, FRENCH, FINE ART, HEALTH & SOCIAL, GERMAN, MUSIC, MUSIC TECH, GRAPHICS, PHOTOGRAPHY,	SCIENCE GEOGRAPHY	PERFORMING ARTS
Week 2: 09.11.2020 23.11.2020 07.12.2020	ENGLISH IT COMPUTER SCIENCE	BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE, DT, RE, HOSPITALITY, FRENCH, FINE ART, HEALTH & SOCIAL, GERMAN, MUSIC, MUSIC TECH, GRAPHICS, PHOTOGRAPHY, HISTORY,	SCIENCE GEOGRAPHY	PERFORMING ARTS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Every Lesson of Year 11 Counts Towards a Qualification

Year 11 is a crucial year and therefore we encourage our students to aim for 100% attendance. Improving attendance and punctuality is a vital element of success and research indicates this positively impacts the levels of achievement and progress.

If your child's attendance is...	Then your child has been absent for...	Which equates to this many weeks...	And this much lost learning...
97%	5 days	1 week	25 lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons

12 SIMPLE WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

1. Ensure they **attend** school and are **punctual** everyday – every lesson will count towards success in their exams.
2. Wherever possible, ensure personal appointments are after 3pm, and that students are in school before and after them.
3. Review their **planner** regularly – celebrate successes and talk through concerns.
4. Choose a **workspace** at home for them that is comfortable, well-lit and quiet - try to avoid their bedroom.
5. Provide **revision tools** – highlighters, flashcards and plenty of paper.
6. Help them organise a **revision plan** – use their planner, make a timetable or use reminders on their phone.
7. Encourage '**short sprints**, not long marathons' – about 25 minutes **hard work**; a 5 minute break; finish the task; a long break; start a new task!
8. Get them using the **GCSE pod** app on their phone, but otherwise ensure they are focused on revision rather than screen time!
9. **Quiz** them little and often – quick-fire questions that test their knowledge and retrieval; or ask them to 'teach you' about a text/topic/terminology.
10. Support **good sleep** – provide a simple alarm clock, ensure their phone is not by their bed, encourage a relaxation plan that might include reading or listening to music.
11. Support **healthy eating** – provide snacks whilst they revise that are quick and healthy such as fruit, malt loaf, breakfast bars, and plenty of water.
12. Finally, give plenty of **praise**! Celebrate little wins, recognise effort and resilience. Make sure they **know** you're behind them every step of the way!



A PARENTS' & CARERS' GUIDE TO GCSE POD

At Beckfoot School we have invested in GCSEPod to support our students with their revision and independent study. Here are our top tips:

Watch a few pods yourself

Take the time to discover how GCSEPod works so that you can better understand its potential for your child. Watch them on your own or, even better, with your child so that you can test each other afterwards.

Use the My GCSE tool

Not only does the My GCSE feature provide the perfect playlist for your child's upcoming exam, it can also help you devise a revision timetable with your child.

Encourage regular use

Research has shown that the more Pods your child watches the better they are likely to do at exam time. For that reason you should make it easy for them to get a knowledge boost, wherever and whenever they need it. Play one on the school run or during a break time.



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IS YOUR CHILD USING GCSEPOD TO REVISE?

We've subscribed to the award-winning, learning and revision resource, GCSEPod.

GCSEPod is designed to support your child through their GCSEs and it's never too late for them to start using it!

“Wow!
Emma actually asked if GCSEPod counted as revision as she can't believe it! I can't believe it either!

Parent”

WEBPAGE

For more detail and to see what else we are doing to support your child throughout the year, please visit our Year 11 webpage at www.beckfoot.org/?page_id=11823

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