



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Parents and Carers of boys in year 11,

Thank you for your efforts this term in supporting your son with his recent trial exams. I hope that you have found his recent report useful in helping you establish an accurate picture of how he is performing academically across all of his GCSE subjects. It is important at this stage to now look at actual performance in the trial exams and compare this to the school based target (the grades he is capable of achieving with the right amount of effort and commitment on his behalf).

With the first round of trial exam grades in for year 11 it is important that your son now focuses on his areas for improvement in each subject. Exam papers will have been handed back and he should now invest time and effort over the holidays and the next term to address these areas to help him secure an even better result in the next round of trial exams. I strongly encourage all students to continue with their revision and continue to spend time engaging in the most effective revision strategies, such as completing past papers (to develop exam technique) and marking their answers against the mark schemes. These can be found on the exam board website for each subject.

I attach with this letter an electronic copy of the year 11 subject support booklet as well as some recommended revision guides which are specific for the exam board offered should your son which to further supplement his revision at home. I have also attached an electronic copy of the presentation for the Russell Group Universities evening. We also encourage students to continue to use GCSE pod. This is an online collection of pod casts with key information per subject and topics broken down into small bite sized revision pieces. The content is tailored to the exam board specifications for the GCSEs which our boys sit. To see how this can impact progress click on: <https://www.gcsepod.com/impact/>. To get started simply click on this link and your son can access his account just using his name and date of birth: <https://members.gcsepod.com/login>

Applications are open to join the Sixth Form here at Beths. If your son has not already applied then I ask that he does so as soon as possible. We already have over 1200 applications from external students. Further information regarding the sixth form and the application process can be found on the sixth form section of the school website; <https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Welcome&pid=9>

The next and last set of formal trial exams will start on the week beginning **Monday 24th February 2020**. Revision should start in earnest. Formal offers to join the sixth form here at Beths will be made after these exams.

We appreciate your continued support with helping your son study and revise. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very pleasant Christmas break and I look forward to welcoming your son back to Beths on Monday 6th January 2020.

Wish all good wishes,

Mr R McBeth
Head of Year 11