



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Parents and Carers of students in year 11,

I hope that you have all had a good and restful Christmas break.

Thank you to those of you who managed to attend the virtual parents evening last Thursday. I hope that you have found both the parents evening and the recent December report useful in giving you a clear indication of your child's current progress in their GCSE studies.

The next set of trial exams are now only five weeks away. They are due to start on **Monday 21st February**. This is the first week back after the February half-term break. In real terms, the students now have only four school weeks (20 school days) left until the next set of trial exams. Please ensure that your child starts their preparation well in advance and sets a manageable revision timetable for their study.

To support your child with their revision, we have given all students an "academic tutoring progress tracker". This week, students will set themselves targets based on their last set of trial exams along with tasks they will complete in directed study and at home to help them make even better progress in the next set of exams. They must audit their performance against these tasks at the end of every week. We are asking that **parents sign this report at the end of every week**. Form tutors will check this on the following Monday morning. This will help both the school and you as parents to support and keep track of their revision and that we can all make sure that they are using their time wisely and productively.

A reminder that the **deadline for sixth form applications close on 31st January**. Again, I would like to offer any support you may require with this important decision. I am more than happy to have a phone call or Teams/Zoom call with you if you want to discuss sixth form options. It means a great deal to me that you and your child are fully confident with the decisions made on the next stage of their educational journey.

Finally, can I please reiterate the importance of school standards. We expect children to be on school site for no later than 8.30am. Full school uniform must be worn correctly every day. Earrings, rings, and other forms of jewelry are not permitted to be worn to school. We expect all students to take a pride in their appearance and be proud to wear the Beths uniform. We need every student working to their very best in the last remaining months of year 11.

As always, if you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

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