



14/09/20

Dear parents / carers

**RE: Extra Study Support – After School Intervention from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

I hope you and your family are keeping well. It has been wonderful to see students returning to Harrogate High School this month and we are looking forward to helping our Year 11 students fulfil their potential in their exams this academic year.

In order to support our students for the forthcoming summer GCSE exams, we are implementing additional teaching support after school in the form of Extra Study Support (ESS). This will be an extra lesson of teaching every afternoon after tutor time from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

This will cover **all** of their GCSE subjects with a strong focus on the ‘Core’ of English, Mathematics and Science on a weekly basis. This intervention will run alongside the classroom teaching with the intent of catching up missed learning and developing skills and knowledge in order to give them the very best chance of achieving or exceeding their target grades next summer.

These compulsory sessions of ESS will run from 2:55pm to 3:55pm every afternoon and students will rotate through all of their subjects on a two weekly cycle as set out below.

Week 1				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Science	English	Mathematics	Option 1	Option 2
Week 2				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Science	English	Mathematics	Option 3	IT

The individual option subjects are:

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
French	Health & Social Care	History
Business	Art	PE
Hospitality	Geography	Art
History	Music	Psychology
Travel & Tourism	Resistant Materials	
Triple Science	Foundation Learning (Prince’s Trust)	

These sessions will take place in each student’s usual classroom for their subjects.

I appreciate this will require additional commitment from Year 11 learners at a time when they are adjusting back to full-time education. However, this targeted support will give them the very best chance to fully prepare for the GCSE exams. As an incentive for attending and committing to their learning, we will provide refreshments at the end of some of the sessions.

I appreciate some learners may find it difficult to attend. If this is the case, please contact school reception. However, I would urge you to encourage attendance and support us in these sessions, as we are offering a valuable opportunity that should be seized if at all possible.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr J English**  
Deputy Headteacher