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Exam Success 2017/18 – Information Evening

*‘..a parent’s active and informed involvement in their child’s education is the single most important factor at GCSE’ **Ofsted***



- GOAL FOR SUMMER 2018



- Realistically courses will end at Easter
- We are 8 months before the actual examination period begins
- 7 weeks before the mocks begin
- Pressure from lots of subjects to attend revision/catch up sessions
- Some assessment has already taken place for those subjects with coursework
- Students should be far more focused on what they want to do next – progression at 16 (Post 16 evening on November 14<sup>th</sup>)
- **Students are going to feel more pressured**

# Purpose of the event

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- Provide information on how you can best support your son/daughter
- Subject specific information to provide greater understanding of courses of study
- Provide strategies to alleviate their stress (and yours!)
- Work together to ensure that whatever your child wants to do next, they have the results they need. Our joint aim is to ensure that as many doors as possible are open to them at the end of year 11

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**“73% OF PUPILS WHO HAVE OVER 95% ATTENDANCE ACHIEVE FIVE OR MORE GCSES AT GRADES A\* TO C (OR EQUIVALENT)”**

**DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION 2017**

IF AN EMPLOYEE TOOK ½ A DAY A WEEK OFF, HOW MUCH WORK WOULD NOT GET DONE AND WHAT WOULD THE RESPONSE BE?

THAT IS THE SAME AS 90% ATTENDANCE

## Dates to remember

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27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – PPE (MOCKS)

9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – PARENTS' EVENING

14<sup>TH</sup> MAY - GCSE EXAMS START

- Prepare revision materials for the mock examinations
- Challenge teachers – tell me EXACTLY how they can do better
- Aiming high – 5 GCSEs including English and Mathematics is now the expected norm
- Attendance at revision clubs and classes and use of the revision guides available
- A proper revision timetable for mocks and summer examinations - two to three hours a day
- Beware college offers!

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## WHAT NEXT?

The workshops will now take place within A block. The details and venues for each workshop are on your pack and students will help you find the right location. If you are interested in receiving the details of other workshops, please refer to Ms Baxter who can provide these. Please also don't forget to complete the Parent View form and hand in as you leave.

Many thanks