



Ark John Keats Academy

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Dear parent/carer,

Entering year 11 is a significant event in your child's education. At the end of this year, your child will sit examinations which are a culmination of their work over the last 5 years. The grades they achieve will determine their next steps, and will open doors to universities, higher level apprenticeships and careers in the field of their choosing. It is essential that they are working hard in lessons, and at home. To help your child to prepare for their end of year exams, we will be running an assessment series in Autumn and Spring. Revising carefully for these tests will allow your child to identify the gaps in their understanding that need to be rectified before the summer.

The key dates for your diary are outlined below:

- 2nd November: AP1 starts for all subjects
- Tuesday 23rd March: Mock examinations start for all subjects
- 16th May: GCSE examinations begin

Your child will be given revision materials in each subject and a significant piece of work for every holiday period. Year 11 students are also being set a daily piece of home learning on <https://hegartymaths.com/>; this is explained in the attached letter from Ms Russell, Head of Maths.

Your child should begin revising now for AP1. During term time, we would advise our students to spend 1.5 hours per subject each week, including the time they spend on their home learning. Over the half term holiday, we would encourage pupils to set themselves an ambitious target and complete 7-8 hours of revision from Monday to Friday. Good revision activities might include the following:

- Completing the revision guides provided by their classroom teachers
- Using online resources such as Hegarty Maths
- Making flash cards from notes in their exercise books
- Drawing mind maps to summarise key information

Year 11 have made a tremendous start; we are very much looking forward to working with them over the course of the year. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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