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Dear parent/carer

I am writing to you to provide some important updates for all Year 11 students.

### **Period 6 for Year 11 students**

After half term a new period 6 timetable will be published. These will be additional revision lessons for students which will run until 3.40pm. Selected students will be expected to stay for these sessions to bridge any gaps in their understanding and application of knowledge. Other sessions will be “drop-in” sessions which will be voluntary for students who would like the extra support to help build their confidence. We hope that all students benefit from these sessions, which will continue to run during and after the first set of PPE exams.

### **Post-16 Open Evening: Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 5pm**

We would like to ensure that all students are fully aware of the entry requirements for post-16 study at Uxbridge High School and, even more importantly, know the best route to meet those entry requirements and achieve the best grades possible. Students will have a special assembly on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November regarding courses and entry requirements for the sixth form followed by the Open Evening which will start at 5pm. We hope to welcome as many of you as possible to this event. Please confirm your attendance at this event by [clicking here](#). Further information can be found on our dedicated page on the schools website: <https://www.uhs.org.uk/openevening>

### **PPE exams: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

The Year 11 cohort has made an excellent start to this crucial academic year, and this is their chance to shine and show that they are on course to be successful. I would like to request that all parents support their children with their preparation and revision. Students must find time to rest and recharge their batteries when half-term arrives but must also allocate some time to doing some effective revision. Students will have been set specific learning or practice questions in some subjects, and this should form part of their revision time. You can support your child by ensuring that they have a quiet place to study and only have access to the device that they need for working. Students should also have access to index cards, flashcards or post-it notes, as summarising the most important information and terminology and referring to it regularly significantly aids retention and understanding. Some students like to place post-it notes on certain parts of the house (such as on the fridge, on their bedroom wall or on the back of the bathroom door). If this is the case in your house, I would definitely encourage it!

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I would advise everyone to remember these FIVE key points when preparing for exams:

- **Small manageable chunks avoid cognitive overload.** If revising for a two-hour period, spending half an hour on 4 different subjects is much more effective than sticking to the same subject for 2 hours.
- **Do not just read your notes and highlight** – it won't work!
- **Retrieval practice is key** – practice, test yourself and ask someone to test you!
- **Dig deeper** – aim to seek a full understanding of the areas you are less sure of. If you can answer the “how?” and “why?” questions, you will have a much better understanding!
- **Ask for help** – you may well need this to help with the point above! Who are you going to ask? Whatever you do, ask someone!

### **Parents' Evening: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

The first Year 11 Parents' Evening is scheduled for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, and this will be an opportunity for all parents to receive up-to-date exam grades in all subjects and specific targets for further improvement. All parents will receive further details of this event in November, along with the window for booking all appointment.

Yours sincerely



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