



Supporting Achievement

Ensuring your child has the best support throughout this all important year

Dear Year 11 Parent or Carer

As you will know, this year is a very important year for your child as they prepare for their GCSE examinations and I share your commitment to ensuring they are fully prepared for a successful future through and beyond Year 11. Before we know it, students will be starting revision and I am very aware that in some cases, we need to make up for lost time. Some of your children will already have had alterations to their diet of qualifications to ensure a more focussed and manageable number of GCSEs. Previously, in some cases, students studied up to 13 GCSE qualifications which is not appropriate or conducive to allowing the best possible results and success. Schools nationally made this change 5 years ago and it is no longer the case that 'the more GCSEs you have - the better'. Thank you for working with us to ensure your child has a solid foundation of subjects that allow appropriate time and focus to achieve higher results - this will benefit them no end in the future.

We are putting lots of additional resources to support your child in their studies through a range of internal and external support systems. I have personally created a page on our website to ensure these are easily accessible for students and parents using the companies we have signed up to. Thank you to those who attended the parent session delivered by Elevate - a company specialising in preparing and supporting students in their GCSE preparation. For those who were unable to attend, I have outlined all the necessary links that will enable you to access this quality material.



Please take the time to visit the Success Zone on our website highlighted on the image to the left. This will grow throughout the year as we move closer towards the exam season. We will also upload key dates of mock examinations and revision timetables to support your home studies.

I hope that this proves useful in supporting your child to achieve. If you have any questions about this information, please mail my PA, Laura Smith on lasmith@newsomehigh.kirklees.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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