



# Hayle Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of our important **Year 11 core focused preparation programme** that will take place next week from Monday 27 April, across five mornings during Periods 1, 2 and 3.

During these mornings, students will take part in targeted English and Maths preparation sessions. They will then return to their normal timetabled lessons for Period 4 each day.

## Why we are doing this

Following a detailed review of the Spring mock examination results, it is clear that many students are:

- Very close to the next grade boundary, or
- Would benefit from securing their current grade more confidently

We know that even a small number of extra marks can make a significant difference to pupils' grades: every year a number of pupils 'miss out' on a better grade by a margin of 2 or 3 marks. We would like to make sure pupils have every opportunity to secure the best possible grade.

As we all know, achieving strong outcomes means pupils do not need to re-sit English or Maths at college or sixth form, allowing students to focus fully on their new, chosen courses.

Strong grades in English and Maths are also essential for success in post 16 courses. There is lots of evidence that better grades in these subjects underpin achievement through all post 16 pathways and future careers.

## Part of our combined approach

These mornings form part of a duo of strategies designed to maximise impact:

### 1. Maximising learning time in school

- Highly targeted teaching based on question-level analysis of Spring mocks
- Focused practice on exam questions and past papers
- Clear modelling using "I do / You do" approaches: instruction from the teacher ('I Do' is immediately followed by pupil practice ('You Do')).
- Walking Talking Mocks in both English and Maths, built into the programme to help students understand how to approach questions, access marks effectively and avoid common errors.

### 2. Home learning

Home learning is a crucial part of this strategy and allows students to consolidate learning, practise exam techniques and build confidence.

- Homework will continue to be set weekly via Class Charts

- Structured home learning tasks aligned directly to gaps identified in mock exams
- Practice and consolidation to reinforce learning from school
- If homework is not completed, a next-day after-school SLT detention will be issued so the work can be completed. This will take place from 3.15pm until 4pm in Room 12. The study bus will be available for students if needed.

This is intended to support success and ensure every student benefits fully from this final preparation period. Pupils must expect to be spending more time studying at this stage. **Nationally pupils are spending around 2 to 4 hours on revision per day (on average, across the week) at this stage of Year 11.**

Thank you in advance for your encouragement and support at home which is vital for pupil success.

### Other examinations taking place

We are mindful that some students will also be involved in examinations during next week, including:

- Art exams (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- MFL speaking exams (Thursday and Friday)
- BTEC Travel and Tourism exam (Friday)

We will work around these exams so that students involved are fully supported and not disadvantaged in either their practical or written assessments.

### Working together for success

This is a core programme designed to make the most of the remaining time before exams. For many students, this approach will secure a key grade or help them step up to the next one, shaping their post-16 and future opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



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