



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Year 11 Update

17th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11,

You will be aware that there have been several changes to staffing in recent weeks and we wanted to keep you all informed of the next steps.

French:

Until February half-term, Ms Le Gall will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and Mr Collinge (who is currently working at Sutton Girls) Wednesday afternoon and Friday all day. Both teachers are highly experienced languages specialists. From after half-term Mr Collinge will teach a full timetable. The department are offering support sessions on Wednesdays after school.

During parents' evening, we apologise that there will be no teacher available, but if you have any concerns please contact Mr Götschel. We are happy to offer additional feedback after the half term once Mr Collinge has established himself.

Biology:

Dr Harper has taken over both of Miss Gaydon's groups. She is a specialist Biology teacher of many years' experience, formerly from Handsworth Girls, and she will look after these groups until after February half-term when Mrs Perera (Head of Biology) will return from maternity leave. Dr Harper will be available at parents' evening, and Mr Graham (acting Head of Biology) is also happy to assist with any queries. The department are also offering support sessions on Tuesdays (before school, lunch time and after school).

Business Studies:

We have adjusted the timetables so that Mrs Kular will be able to support both groups. Mrs Kular will make every effort to see you at parents' evening although please bear in mind that she is currently looking after 52 students. If you have any concerns please get in touch and we will arrange for some feedback through another channel.

After some disappointing mock results we are putting in place provision to ensure that all students studying the Business Studies GCSE are fully equipped for their summer examination. Your son has already been in receipt of a Christmas revision pack with notes and exam style questions and in many cases has completed an attempt at a re-sit for further practice of examination questions. Besides these there will be further provisions over the course of the next few months including;

- Revision booklets
- Business catch up and top up sessions
- Year 11 business drop in sessions to take place every Tuesday before school and during lunch

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- Week beginning 5th February; students to complete task 1 for their controlled assessment and/or finalise task 2 and 3

We understand that changes to staffing can cause some concern, and we have worked extremely hard to minimise the potential disruption and to source the very best specialist teachers for your son. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Davis or Mr Bowen to discuss any concerns you have.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Davis (Head of Year 11) and Mr Bowen (Deputy Headteacher)