

YNN/CEW/CRC

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Dear Parents / Carers

As we are approaching the spring half term, our message to Year 11 is very clear: August's exam results are not determined by the opening of an envelope; they are determined now, in lessons and through effective revision, and there is still time to make a positive difference to the grades they achieve.

17th March: Mock Week

There are some mock exams scheduled for the week beginning 17th March. These allow students to practise exam responses on material that has been taught more recently, since the November mocks, and to see if their revision strategies are working. Timetables will be shared with students and subject teachers will advise students on the broad areas being examined.

Thursday 6th February: Revision Forum

Lots of students have started their revision diligently and this is being supported in registration with revision strategies, timetable planning and time to practise. We also know that lots of our students' parents and carers want to help and support this revision, but would appreciate some advice on how best to do this. All of our Year 11s' parents and carers are therefore invited to an online revision forum on **Thursday 6th February at 6pm**. There will be a short presentation, sharing advice on what to revise and how to do it effectively. This will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions via the online chat function.

If you would like to join the revision forum (hosted on Microsoft Teams), we will share the link for the session with all Year 11 parents and carers during the week of the forum. If you need to amend or confirm your email address, please email office@caldew.cumbria.sch.uk and we'll send the link to you.

Revision Resources

Your support with revision is really appreciated so we wanted to share some useful materials to help. There is advice and guidance on revision strategies on Firefly: <https://caldew.fireflycloud.net/year-11-revision> There are also checklists for every subject to help students to identify gaps in knowledge and plan revision effectively: <https://caldew.fireflycloud.net/year-11-revision/year-11-subject-checklists> These have been shared with students on Firefly and should be visible to parents and carers.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support; it really does make a difference. Let us know if we can do anything to support your child in the run up to their exams: we are here to help.

Yours Sincerely

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