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Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

After the unparalleled disruption to education in the past two years, we wanted to offer all our Year 11 students the best possible support with their preparations for the summer examinations, and so I am delighted to confirm that the school has invested in a successful, highly recommended revision programme and are partnering with the webinar provider, **Impress the Examiner**.

Beginning next week, and running over a **structured 20-week period** up until May, our students will be provided with bespoke, live, interactive revision and examination technique sessions to support them with their **English Language, Maths and Science** courses.

Sessions will **run online, after school or in the evenings**, and have been created by published educational authors, former Principal Examiners, Senior Examiners and Lead Practitioners. To find out more about this KS4 online programme and the Impress team, please use the following link: <https://impress.education/key-stage-4-online/>

Impress has created lessons, accompanying assessments and resources for **three separate groups of learners** each week (either grade 4, grade 5-6 or grades 7-9), and your child has been assigned to the **most appropriate group**. The courses are truly differentiated to allow access and significant stretch and challenge for **all** learners.

Students can expect to engage with the highly intuitive Impress platform, which is simple and clear for every student to access and engage with. **Each lesson will be 90 minutes** in duration and will take place in a webinar format. No student will see or hear other pupils during the course of the sessions. The teacher will share their screen and invite students to take part in three engagement activity polls in the course of a lesson, both as an assessment for learning activity and a means of measuring student engagement and focus.

There is an expectation that all Year 11 students will fully participate in the assessments and other activities on the Impress platform outside of lessons, which will both enrich their learning experiences and signal each student's level of understanding to our teachers every 5 weeks.

The Impress programme was introduced to Year 11s in their assembly on Monday, with all students being able to check their login details and **access the online platform** in Tutor time this week. To make the very best possible start, all students need to complete short **Initial Assessments** for **each subject area**, as well as a **Wellness Questionnaire**. These should not cause any undue stress and will provide a baseline on which to measure progress over the coming weeks.

A timetable of the different sessions is attached, and each student will also have a **personalised timetable** on the Impress platform to simplify the process. As some of these sessions are required to start at 3.30pm, we have set aside the LRC for supervised study, with drinks and snacks available to keep the students focussed! We also appreciate that not all the times provided will be suitable, so a **re-watch option** will appear under the session title where the session link was, with the pre- and post-test assessments still available to the student.

Over the coming weeks students will begin to see cumulative gains in their knowledge and understanding, helping them to face their exams feeling less fearful, more confident and more in control of their own success.

However, the **success of this programme is wholly dependent on your child engaging with the webinars** and setting aside time **each week** to undertake this proven and successful intervention programme. We will be providing rewards around attendance and engagement, but **your support and encouragement in ensuring students participate fully will make all the difference!**

Any further questions please do contact Head of Year 11, Ms B Smith: BSmith@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

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