



Guru Nanak Sikh Academy

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Dear Parent

Re: Supporting Year 11 Students in Preparation for GCSE Exams

As we approach the final months leading up to the GCSE examinations, I would like to take this opportunity to outline the support and interventions that will be available to your son/daughter and to share some important information regarding their academic progress and next steps.

Firstly, I encourage you to discuss the recent mock examination results with your child. The mock results provide a valuable insight into their current progress and highlight areas for improvement. Having an open and supportive conversation about these results can help identify the next steps they may need to take. Developing good, regular study practices at home will be key to ensuring they continue to improve and achieve their full potential. Your encouragement and involvement during this period will make a significant difference.

It is essential to highlight that every subject and every grade matters. The Average Point Score (APS) achieved by your child will play a crucial role when applying to Sixth Form schools/colleges and, later, to universities. The APS is an indicator of their suitability for specific courses, and strong grades across all subjects will give them the best possible opportunities.

At GNSA and most other Sixth Forms, the minimum requirement for A Level courses is **Grade 6 or 7** in the relevant subjects. It is also important to note that students must achieve at least a **Grade 4** in both **Mathematics** and **English Language**. If a student does not achieve this minimum grade, they will be required to resit these subjects until they pass. At GNSA, we are unable to admit students to our Sixth Form without a **Grade 4** in both Mathematics and English.

To support your child in achieving their potential, we will be implementing a range of interventions and support strategies, including:

- **Targeted Intervention Sessions:** Subject-specific sessions will be offered to help students address areas of weakness and consolidate their understanding.
- **Revision Workshops:** Focused workshops will provide students with strategies to revise effectively and maximise their learning time.
- **After-School Support:** Teachers will be available to provide additional help and guidance in key subject areas. Selected students will be required to attend the following sessions:

Monday: Maths	Tuesday: Science	Wednesday: English/Maths Grade booster Option subjects	Thursday: English/Maths Grade booster	Friday: Option subjects
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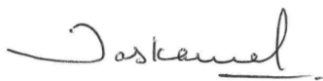
- **Holiday Revision Sessions:** Revision classes will be scheduled during holiday periods to ensure students remain on track.
- **Past Paper Practice:** Students will have access to past exam papers and marking schemes to familiarise themselves with exam formats and improve exam technique.
- **Mentoring and Study Skills Guidance:** Students will be supported in developing good study habits, time management, and exam preparation strategies. All Year 11 students will take part in a Study Skills Workshop on Thursday 13th February 2025. This will be run by an external company called Study Skills Zone.
- **Online Learning Platforms** - Year 11 students have access to Seneca Premium which gives access to a vast array of content for each subject including exam questions, short videos and course content. Individual subjects also use subject specific platforms.
- **Learn at Lunchtimes** - Lunchtime workshops for students to attend to work on revision skills and exam techniques. These sessions will be led by SLT, Progress Leaders and Subject staff.

We are fully committed to supporting every student through this critical stage of their education, and we will continue to work closely with you to ensure your child is well-prepared for their GCSE examinations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Together, we can help your child achieve success and take the next steps towards a bright and fulfilling future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr J S Sidhu
Executive Principal