



Traditional **Values**

Contemporary **Aspirations**

Creative **Curiosity**

ML.18.19.0010.KBR
18th September 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

Achieving success in GCSE Examinations
“Get Exam Ready” Programme of Support for Year 11 intervention

Achieving their potential, whatever grade this may be for each individual pupil, is a priority in the lead up to the summer examinations. GCSE qualifications, and equivalent examination courses, are extremely important; many pupils who underachieve in key curriculum areas at school, then have to spend time in college continuing to study these subjects and re-sitting the qualification, to try and improve their grades. In some cases, this may result in pupils being unable to enter the college of their choice.

“**Get Exam Ready**” is a programme of after school support, for all pupils, throughout Year 11. This programme is built upon the success of previous years’ intervention and is a key element of this success. Hard work and thorough preparation **do** make a difference.

During the last academic year, our current Year 11 pupils worked hard and showed dedication to their studies. Following the “**Get Exam Ready**” programme, throughout the year, will ensure good progress during this, their final year, and thorough preparation towards the mock examinations in November and January. Pupils will be ready to achieve their best and will be prepared for future success. Nothing is achieved without hard work and we pride ourselves, at Malet Lambert, on the level of dedicated support which we give to our pupils.

All pupils are now following the full range of new specification qualifications across the curriculum. These qualifications demand a great deal of knowledge and high level of understanding. Through forensic preparation for the large number of examinations the pupils will sit in May and June 2019, it is essential that we start to prepare them now to avoid unwanted stress and worry in this key academic year.

We expect all pupils to follow the programme of “Get Exam Ready” after school support and revision. All pupils will be offered the opportunity to purchase drinks and snacks after the completion of Period 5. After a short break, all pupils will be required to attend a 50 minute revision session in a key GCSE subject area. The timetable of support covers all areas of the curriculum and ensures that pupils are supported with up to approximately 200 hours of revision, as we prepare for examination success; you will receive a timetable detailing the sessions. Some pupils will be required to attend more sessions than others, this is dependent upon their current predicted grades.

In addition to “**Get Exam Ready**” support, we also expect pupils to revise and prepare for examinations independently, from home; this is essential if they are to achieve the higher grades. All subject areas offer study support materials for revision at home and we will be organising timetabled subject support during key holidays, for example: February Half-term, Easter and May Half-term. Attendance at all sessions is expected and will determine the level of success pupils achieve.

As stated earlier, **hard work and thorough preparation do make a difference.** In addition to the vital examination sessions and study support, it is essential that pupils have excellent attendance. Where attendance drops below 95%, it is statistically proven to have a detrimental impact on a pupil’s outcomes, this may be by up to one grade across all subject areas. **Please, at all costs, avoid taking your child on holiday during this crucial year.**

Yours faithfully

P Sprakes (Mr)
Headteacher
For and on behalf of the Senior Leadership Team

MALET LAMBERT

Parental Reply Slip

Pupil Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

- I support the school regarding the “**Get Exam Ready**” programme of revision and examination study support.

I will support my child and ensure they have a calm working environment to support revision and study outside of school.

or

- I would like to discuss this further with my child’s Head of House and I would like further details.

Signed: _____ (parent / carer)

Date: _____

Please return this slip to your child’s Form Tutor by Friday 21st September 2018