

20th September 2024

Dear Families

Now we have been back in school for two weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to commend our young people on the maturity they have displayed since returning to school. There are 135 school days left until the first GCSE exam in May 2025, to ensure we get the most of this time, I want to signpost some key dates/information.

- 1. Parents evening Thursday 3rd October 2024:** This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, get feedback on how they are progressing and how they can improve in the lead up to the next round of Mock examinations. Appointments will be made through the school cloud and the link to this will be sent out next week.
- 2. [Raising Achievement Evening Link](#):** Attached is a link to the Raising Achievement Evening we held in May. This recording has lots of useful information for how you can support your child to succeed in their GCSE examinations.
- 3. Raising Achievement Plan:** Key dates calendar can be found [here](#)
- 4. Subject Homework and Revision Expectations:** The expectations for homework and revision for all subjects can be found [here](#) It also contains a list of online resources that can be accessed to support learning
- 5. Mock Exams commence on 18th November 2024:** A full mock timetable can be found [here](#). Your child will receive an individualised timetable in the coming weeks. To support pupils' readiness for their mock examinations the Assessment Information Booklet will be sent out next week.
- 6. After School interventions:** To support your child in closing gaps in their learning, departments are offering bespoke intervention sessions. These are available to view on their Arbor calendar. Please support them in attending all sessions possible. These interventions will start on **Monday 23rd September 2024**.
- 7. More regular reporting:** We will provide more regular reporting in students' engagement with classwork and homework.
- 8. Attendance meetings will be held regularly throughout the year.** A review of last year's exam data showed a clear link between attendance to school and GCSE performance: students with higher attendance consistently achieved better grades.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind our young people that we have a dedicated study zone in the canteen available from 8am every morning. This is a quiet space which is solely for the use of Yr11 pupils to revise. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school on [schooloffice@stmaryswallasey.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmaryswallasey.com) or [year11@stmaryswallasey.com](mailto:year11@stmaryswallasey.com)

Thank you for your support  
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