

DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy



27th September 2022

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Progress Evening, Thursday 6th October

Year 11 is the most important year in your child's education and quite possibly the most important year of their lives. For that reason, we want to start early! We understand year 11 can be daunting, without the added pressure caused by gaps in student learning during the pandemic. We wish to support both pupils and parents throughout the process. We want to ensure that we keep you informed about the progress of your child, and to enable you to support and motivate them to achieve a set of qualifications that reflect their ability and that they can be proud of. Our pattern of enhanced, teach, test and communicate strategy for year 11 students has followed this pattern in recent years:

Date	Oct	Nov/Dec	January	February	March
Event	Progress evening 6/10/22	Mocks 14/11-30/11/22	Parents evening 11/1/23	Mocks 27/2-15/3/23	Parents evening 29/3/23

The purpose of this is quite simply to provide your child with the tools and strategies to support their revision for the November mocks early in the Autumn term at a specific progress evening. Parents attend with their child to meet their subject teachers and receive important information regarding Year 11. Parents will also have the opportunity to discuss results from year 10 mocks, next steps and additional intervention.

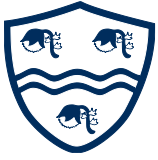
There will be a presentation delivered in the hall at 5:00pm and repeated at 6:00pm, please attend one of the presentations before meeting with your child's subject teachers.

The purpose of the evening will be to inform you of:

- Your child's progress and if they are achieving grades in line with their pathway (based on recent teacher assessments and year 10 mock examinations)
- The increased importance of year 11 **autumn** mock examinations
- What you can do to aid your child if they are underachieving
- What will happen during year 11
- Generic revision techniques and exam preparation
- The full programme of intervention at Darwen Vale. This is extensive – we have a full Saturday and holiday provision with specific tutors and qualified tutors. This would cost hundreds of pounds if parents were to employ tutors privately – as many do. It is completely free to Vale students and an opportunity that children do not get in many secondary schools.

Parents and students will also have the opportunity on this evening to ask any questions and hopefully relieve any concerns that you may have.

All attendees on the night will be entered into a raffle to win either a free place on our Year 11 residential weekend or a voucher.



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Please can you complete the reply slip below and return it to your child's form tutor. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 6th October.

Yours sincerely,

R. E. Cull

Mrs R. Cull
Vice Principal

Please return reply slip to your child's form tutor by Wednesday 5th October 2022

Child's Name _____ Form _____

I will be attending Progress Evening on Thursday 6th October 2022

I will not be attending Progress Evening on Thursday 6th October 2022

Parent/Carer's Name: _____