



October 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

### UPDATE: Year 11 – Raising Achievement Evening

We would like to invite you to our Virtual Raising Achievement Evening for Year 11, focusing on exam preparation, on **Tuesday 19 October 2021** from **6.00pm to 7.30pm**.

We are sure you will agree that Year 11 is a vitally important year. With this in mind, we want to support students in preparing for the year ahead. Recognising the pressure of Year 11, we want to empower our students with tools to enhance their organisation and wellbeing.

We have therefore created a programme for the evening that will act to:

- cement our highest expectations in each student achieving their personal best,
- outline important information that will empower you to support your child in their exams,
- provide you and your child with a collection of resources to begin their revision in preparation for the first collection of mock examinations in November 2021.

Our Raising Achievement Evening will take place **online** via Microsoft Teams. The event will start with our **Main Meeting** at **6.00pm**. Following the Main Meeting you will attend four different breakout sessions out of a collection of 10, each lasting 10-minutes. Further detail around what each breakout session involves is outlined overleaf to help you make an informed choice when making your selections on the evening.

This is an important evening for students to attend alongside you as their parent / carer. Our skilled team of Curriculum Leaders and our Year 11 team will be involved in the event.

To register your attendance and confirm your breakout sessions for the event, please complete the form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/VQtKsbkWH0>. If you encounter any difficulties in registering your attendance, please contact Mrs B Best on 023 8032 8128 (Ext. 72226) who will be able to book on your behalf.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact Mr S Knight at the school between the hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm from Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can email Mr S Knight using [Simon.Knight@oasismayfield.org](mailto:Simon.Knight@oasismayfield.org). We hope you agree that this is an exciting opportunity for both you and your child to realise their potential and best prepare for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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## Registration Details – Raising Achievement Evening

Our Year 11 Raising Achievement evening for Year 11 will take place online via **Microsoft Teams** on **Tuesday 19 October 2021** from **6.00pm to 7.30pm**.

The Main Meeting will launch the event, followed by a selection of **10** breakout sessions. From these sessions, you will have the opportunity to attend **4** of these.

To register your attendance at this **essential** event, please complete our registration form here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/VQtKsbkWHO>

### Main Meeting (6.00 – 6.45pm)

The Main Meeting will start promptly at **6.00pm**. This meeting will last for 45-minutes and will outline the following:

- Key Dates and Post-16 Destinations
- Year 11 Curriculum Overview
- Upcoming Mock Examinations

### Breakout Sessions (6.45pm – 7.30pm)

#### 1. Achieving Grades 9-7

Securing the coveted Grades 9-7 is a challenge for many students. Understanding how to develop effective habits and sharpen your skills can increase the likelihood of success in examinations. This session could be the key to unlocking your future.

#### 2. Mindfulness

Positive personal health, wholesome wellbeing, a healthy diet and active fitness regimen is essential in preparing for the demands of an intensive exam season. Attend our session on mindfulness to hear how you can prepare to perform.

#### 3. Exam Anxiety

Many students feel anxious when they approach the exam season, and this often becomes heightened when sitting exams. This session will seek to share tools that can help you to showcase your true ability in the face of anxieties.

#### 4. Exam Access Arrangements

Some of our students are entitled to exam access arrangements. If this applies to your child, this session outlines what to expect during the upcoming examination season and gives an overview of each of the key entitlements for such students.

#### 5. Revision Strategy 1: Flashcards

Research shows that revision strategies that engage students in active recall of key knowledge through repetition results in improved performance in exams in AO1 questions (knowledge recall). Attend our session on Flashcards to learn how to use this revision strategy effectively for impact.

#### 6. Revision Strategy 2: Thinking Maps

We see patterns in the simplest situations. In presenting patterns in a visual way, thereby visualising our thinking, we can create concrete images of abstract thoughts. These patterns help students to achieve higher levels of critical and creative thinking. Join this session to build up your revision toolkit.

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## 7. Revision Strategy 3: Interleaving

Interleaving can be useful for some students in helping them to make connections in their learning. Interleaving forces you to switch between topics whilst revising in order to accelerate their learning. This encourages you to think harder about how you approach problems. How will you solve yours?

## 8. Revision Strategy 4: Chunking

Have you ever been in a situation where you have been presented with too much information and then asked to remember it? Well now you have a chance. Chunking is where you split your work in to manageable sections to revise from. Research shows you remember more if you chunk information.

## 9. Raising Attainment with GCSEPod

Accessing high quality online material for learning 'on demand' is **essential** – particularly in Year 11. Students that actively use GCSEpod are found to significantly outperform their peers. Join this session to hear more about how to access and use GCSEpod to raise your attainment.

## 10. Raising Attainment with Hegarty Maths

The Maths department at Oasis Academy Mayfield proactively set homework using Hegarty Maths. This online platform auto-marks your child's Maths work for instant feedback – but how can you use Hegarty Maths to raise their attainment. Find out more by attending this session.

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