



FOUR STEPS TO ELEVEN



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As we continue to see the success of our strategy for encouraging Y11 and Y13 students to show us what they can do, we now want to share our plans for Y10.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS? GCSE EXAMS ARE 12 MONTHS AWAY.

Through no fault of theirs, Y10 have had their GCSE journey seriously disrupted both last year and this.

There are only **68** school days until the start of Y11 and we also expect that this year group will be the first ones back to take the full GCSE exams.

To give all students the best chance to get up to speed, we are putting into a place a **4 step** recovery plan leading to Y11.



THE 4 STEPS TO 11 RECOVERY PLAN

will help those pupils who do have gaps in their learning to catch up, as well as accelerating the progress of those pupils who have completed all tasks

STEP 1 - 8TH MARCH - 1ST APRIL (19 DAYS)

We are aware some pupils will be struggling with coming back to school initially and want our emphasis on well being in this first stage, but with positive encouragement for pupils to complete tasks with support of their teachers.

Therefore, interventions will take place in class as part of normal teaching and learning.

Students with gaps in their knowledge and skills as a result of work done during lockdown, will be identified and encouraged to complete tasks and be guided by class teachers.





STEP 2 – 2ND APRIL – 19TH APRIL EASTER HOLIDAYS (17 DAYS)

20 hour challenge

Over Easter we will set a 20 hour challenge for **all** Y10 pupils.

WHY ARE YOU SETTING WORK AT EASTER? CAN'T THEY JUST ENJOY THE HOLIDAY?

The Easter break this year is a long break, and keeping students engaged in their learning as well as maintaining a solid work ethic will help them progress and help them consolidate and address gaps in their understanding and knowledge.

Each student will be given **two hours'** worth of work for each subject that they study. This still leaves plenty of time for family time. Work will be divided into two areas;



STANDARD GRADE CHALLENGE

Students who have not made sufficient progress in Step 1 will continue to have focussed work in this period. Some students may be invited into school to support the completion of this.

PLATINUM GRADE CHALLENGE

There will be Platinum grade tasks for each subject for students who are up to date but wish to do more and extend their learning or interests further.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD TO DO THEIR BEST?

We will use Teams as the main platform for both these Challenges and will inform parents of the work set. We will also give students plenty of advice as to how they can organise their time.

To encourage as many students as possible to engage with this, we will be offering rewards and prizes for those who complete the challenge.

We will also be doing our best over the next four weeks to ensure that every student in Y10 has access to on line learning at home by Easter. Do not hesitate to contact the school on laptops@mcauley.org.uk.

HOW WILL YOU KEEP ME INFORMED?

STEP 3 – FROM 19TH APRIL – 20TH MAY

The challenge work is checked and rewards are given out.

Students who still have significant gaps in their knowledge will be expected to attend afterschool tutoring to help them progress. This will be in small groups and led by teaching staff. They may be required to attend sessions in May half term holiday. **Parents and carers will be contacted week commencing 24th May.**

Year 10 Parents evening will be held on 22nd April

This will give you opportunity to discuss progress being made and advice on how to further improve.



STEP 4 - 7TH JUNE -18TH JUNE

Formal assessment examinations to check progress will take place in classrooms. **A timetable will be shared with parents/carers and students.**

By 16th July

End of year reports to parents and carers are produced. The exam results will be on them. Some additional tasks may be set over summer holidays to maintain progress. We will also be publishing our usual start of the year arrangements booklet with key dates for Year 11.

There will be another event for Y10 PARENTS/CARER AND STUDENTS on Monday 29th March at 6pm. This meeting will be via ZOOM. The invite will be sent via schoolcomms on the 29th.

Thank you for your continued support in this important matter.

Yours sincerely
Jill Taylor
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