

DJG/ElevateFur/YrSH

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Dear Parent/Carer

It is with pleasure I write to inform you that we have secured the services of Elevate Education (<https://uk.elevateeducation.com>). They are coming to Longsands Academy to present seminars to our Year 11 students as they approach the preparation stage for their GCSE examinations. Elevate Education will deliver the first seminar from 2.00 – 3.10 pm on Wednesday 10 February. The 'Ace Your Exams' seminar will outline the critical exam skills that will allow students to excel in the exam room, whilst also demonstrating that exams are not just about the exam room - the preparation is the key. This workshop is run by recent graduates who have achieved top grades for GCSEs and in their respective degrees.

If successful, there will be a second seminar concentrating on the different study techniques with the key focus on 'Memory and Mnemonics'. This seminar is due to take place on Wednesday 23 March, which will coincide with the students' final preparations for their exams. As exams approach, it is not simply a matter of students being able to recite the work they have learnt; it becomes a case of application. At this seminar, students will be taught simple to use techniques and strategies to help them with their memorisation and recall of information.

This is a unique and invaluable opportunity for students to gain experience and guidance in revision and how to become independent learners. This will be of use to them now and in years to come. As well as a resource kit, the following development resources are provided for each seminar as part of the programme, in order to create genuine academic progress:

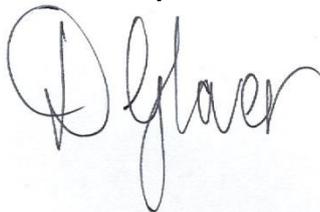
- student implementation guides;
- 12 months' access to web-support;
- exam, motivation & time management 'presenter tip booklets';
- Twitter support (including during holidays).

In conjunction with the above, we would really appreciate your attendance at our 'Final Furlong' evening. This will be an chance for us to provide you with an update with regards to everything we are doing to support students in Year 11, whilst allowing you the opportunity to find out how you can best support your son/daughter through this challenging period of time. **The presentation 'Final Furlong' will run from 6 pm in the Richie Hall on Wednesday 23 March 2016.** Please note that this is different from the original date, of 24 March, which was originally advertised on our website.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Wednesday 23 March and trust the revision seminars will be a rewarding and worthwhile experience for all of our Year 11 students.

As always, thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Key Stage 4