

# Westlands School

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A SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS, COMPUTING & SCIENCE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Changes to Year 11 OSL Provision

As part of our efforts to ensure your child is fully prepared for the new 9-1 examinations, we are changing the way we organise revision sessions. As I'm sure you are aware, until now Westlands has invited all Year 11 pupils to attend extra revision classes for different subjects, from 3.00pm - 4.00pm, (these are called OSL sessions). Each night of the week, different subjects have invited the entire year group to attend these sessions, and pupils have been given a stamp on their prom card for every session they attend.

However, we have found that this approach has not been sufficiently tailored to individual pupils' needs. Many of our pupils have been unsure which sessions they should be attending, and we have found that some of the classes have been too large, leaving the pupils unable to concentrate or get the individual support they need.

To overcome these issues we have created personalised OSL timetables. These timetables identify which subjects they need to be focusing on, and give them a named teacher/room to go to so that we can ensure class sizes are small. We will update the timetables at the end of each term to make sure all pupils are being given up-to-date advice, and that their specific needs continue to be met.

We are also giving pupils a summary of their recent performance, showing them what their current grade is in each subject and what the teacher currently predicts they will achieve at the end of the year. These predictions are based on the current work a child is producing, (including their effort, homework, OSL attendance and the way they are responding to advice), and will be what the teacher believes they will achieve if they continue working as they currently are. Predictions change if a pupil starts doing more, (or less), work in a particular subject. There is also an arrow to indicate whether their current grade has improved, fallen or remained the same over the course of this term.

We hope that this information will help pupils make informed decisions about which subjects they need to focus on at the moment.



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## The personalised OSL timetable

| Name:              |               |                 |   |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| Subject            | Current Grade | Predicted Grade |   |
| English Literature | 3.8           | 4.3             | ↑ |
| English Language   | 3.5           | 4.0             | ↑ |
| Mathematics        | 4.8           | 5.3             | ↓ |
| Science            | 2.8           | 3.0             | ↓ |
| History            | 3.3           | 3.8             | ↓ |
| Child Development  | B3            | A*              | ↔ |
| PE                 | 2.8           | 3.5             | ↔ |
| Term 1 Attendance: |               | 94.6%           |   |
| 11W/En1 - ELL      |               |                 |   |

| Personalised OSL Timetable  |                   |      |         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------|---------|
|                             | Subject           | Room | Teacher |
| <b>Mon</b>                  | English           | L24  | JHP     |
| <b>Tues</b>                 | Child Development | 28   | JSW     |
| <b>Wed</b>                  | Science           | 31   | MDH     |
| <b>Thurs</b>                | Maths             | M11  | HEW     |
| <b>Fri</b>                  | Private Study     | L15  | SLT     |
| Learning Leader: Mr Collins |                   |      |         |

As you can see in the above example, we have given pupils named OSL sessions that they could attend every night of the week, so that they can still make personal choices about which sessions they want to attend, (it is not expected that pupils attend every named session – although they can do so if they feel they need that support).

Pupils will be working with their teachers and Learning Leaders over the coming weeks to make sure they are utilising this new system and accessing the sessions that would most benefit them.

Year 11 pupils will continue to collect stamps for their Prom Card, but these will only be issued if they attend one of their scheduled OSL lessons, (or if they make excellent progress in their lessons and/or have 100% attendance). If pupils attend a different OSL session they will not be turned away, but they will not earn a stamp.

Some pupils have been given private study. This means that they are not required to attend an OSL session with a subject specialist supervising their study, but should instead undertake independent revision or complete their homework. In order to support pupils with this, we have provided a room in school where they can stay and work, (supervised by a member of staff).

If you have any further questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact their Learning Leader.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Headteacher – Outcomes