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Dear parent/carer,

Year 11 Notices – New Finish Times and Enrichment Programme

We are pleased to inform you of changes to the Year 11 school day. These changes will give every Year 11 student additional focused support in the lead-up to their PPE mock examinations and their GCSE exams in May 2027.

New Year 11 finish times
Monday: 3:45pm
Tuesday: 3:45pm
Wednesday: 3:45pm
Thursday: 3:15pm
Friday: 1:00pm

Targeted intervention – Mondays and Wednesdays
On Mondays and Wednesdays, Uxbridge High School teaching staff will run targeted intervention sessions for all Year 11 students. Each student will be invited to a subject session tailored to their individual needs, designed to consolidate key concepts, practise exam-style questions and revise areas where further reinforcement is needed. Your child's intervention sessions can be viewed on their timetable via the Arbor Parent Portal.

Study skills enrichment – Tuesdays
On Tuesdays, all Year 11 students will follow a 14-week study skills programme as part of our enrichment offer. The programme runs in two blocks:

Block 1 – Building the revision toolkit: planning a personal revision timetable, effective note-taking, mind-mapping, knowledge organisers and flashcards, and retrieval practice.

Block 2 – Exam readiness: understanding exam questions and mark schemes, exam technique and timing, memory strategies, managing exam stress, and building a personalised revision plan for the PPE mock examinations.

The programme is sequenced so that the final session takes place immediately before the PPE mock examinations, which begin in January. Each session is practical, so students will leave with revision resources and techniques they can use at home.

These sessions are part of the Year 11 school day, and we expect all students to attend. Please make any arrangements needed for your child's journey home, both for the later finish from Monday to Wednesday and the earlier finish on Fridays.

Year 11 Preparation Evening
We will share more about the Year 11 programme at our Year 11 Preparation Evening on Thursday 15 October and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please feel free to contact the school, via email to parents@uhs.org.uk, if you have any questions or require further details. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing the positive impact these changes will have on our students' progress.

Yours sincerely

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