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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to share our thanks with those of you who came along to our 'How to help your child revise' evening last half term. We hope that you found the advice and guidance helpful as we now begin our period of preparation ahead of the December mocks.

As we mentioned during the presentation, the next 6 weeks will be incredibly important in supporting students with their independent revision to ensure they can complete their mock exams confidently. It is vital that students are encouraged to fully apply themselves in these assessments, putting in their very best efforts to provide us with an accurate picture of their progress which will determine future programmes of study and support.

Staff have now shared details of all available revision sessions which will be available to students over the next 6 weeks. Whilst these sessions should not be viewed as an alternative to independent revision and study, they can be helpful in revisiting key concepts, supporting examination practice and clarifying any misconceptions students may have ahead of their mock exams. Students have been given their own personal copy of the revision support sessions timetable in their Revision Support Booklet, but here is a link to where you can find the full list on the school website: [KS4 Revision – Make It Stick! – Lymm High School](#).

In assembly this week, we have shared with students that our expectation is for them to attend a minimum of three revision sessions each week, and that they should be aiming to complete 2 x 45-minute revision sessions each evening. To support them with this, Year 11 teachers have been encouraged to set homework directly linked to mock exam preparation and we are also opening a 'Revision Room' in the library from Tuesday to Friday, 3.10–4pm, for students who struggle to focus at home. The Revision Room will be supervised by myself, Mrs McGahey (Raising Standards Lead) and Mrs Tasker (Raising Achievement Tutor).

Where a student has been specifically 'invited' to a revision session, we do ask for your full support in ensuring that they attend. Specifically inviting students to particular revision sessions is only ever a supportive decision to make sure we are equipping students with the tools to help them succeed. For some students, revisiting key examination practice under the guidance of subject specialists is the most effective way to help them secure the key knowledge that they require.

We are always mindful that the preparation period before examinations can cause stress and worry to some of our students. It is important to remind students that feeling some stress and worry before important examinations is to be expected and is a normal response to such a situation. However, should you become worried that your child is becoming overly stressed and upset, please do get in touch with Mr Barnett or Mrs Purslow so that we can do our best to support. It may be worth reminding your child that our Designated Mental Health Lead, Mrs Hunter, runs an open Breakfast Club every Friday morning from 8.15–8.45am. During this session, students are given a space to explore top tips in managing exam stress, and complete

independent homework and/or revision. We encourage any students who are feeling apprehensive or worried about how to cope with the pressure of examinations to attend!

As mentioned at our recent revision evening, we would like our parents and carers to work alongside us in supporting students with their mock exam preparation. We would like all of our parents and carers to write a short letter to their child which we will place in mock results envelopes, for students to read alongside their results in January. You won't be aware of their results at the time of writing, but the point is to offer them words of encouragement and motivation which will help them to keep going in the new year as course content nears completion and revision becomes paramount ahead of GCSEs. You are very welcome to drop any handwritten letters into Main Reception or alternatively, we will be sending out a Microsoft form for electronic copies. A link to the Microsoft form will be sent out next week, please keep an eye on Class Charts for this. Please can we have all letters to school no later than Monday 16th December.

Finally, in supporting mock exams over the next 6 weeks, please remind students of the following:

1. Use the first progress report (being sent shortly) to help students identify those subjects that they need to prioritise as part of their independent revision. This report can also highlight attitude to learning and attendance which may need attention and improvement to support mock preparation over the next 6 weeks.
2. Ensure students have created a personalised revision timetable to organise their independent study and allow them to prioritise those subjects that they find a little 'trickier'. Students have received their own copies of these, but here is a link to further blank copies: [KS4 Revision – Make It Stick! – Lymm High School](#)
3. Ensure students know which revision sessions are available to them and ensure they attend these.
4. Students need to know what their mock examination timetable looks like. The overall timetable can be found [here](#), and students will shortly be receiving their individual ones.
5. Remind students to seek support from any member of the Year 11 team if they are struggling to cope with examination pressure.

Students have made a tremendous start to Year 11 so far, and we have been most impressed by their eagerness to work hard and achieve. I am confident that by working together and sharing the messages noted above, that we can encourage and motivate students to perform to the best of their ability.

Yours sincerely,



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