

## Re: Year 11 Update

Dear parents/carers,

We have been delighted with the determination and positive work ethic being demonstrated by our Year 11 students, particularly over the last couple of weeks. With the exam season just around the corner we want to ensure that we are utilising every opportunity to support and encourage our Year 11 students to achieve their potential. Therefore, we thought it would be useful to provide a couple of updates and advice to best support your child over Easter and beyond.

Revision sessions have continued to run both during lunch time and after school across subjects, and students can still take advantage of these opportunities to support their exam technique and secure knowledge in some of the areas they find more challenging. Please remember that a link to all the sessions that have been available, and will continue to be available after Easter, can be [found here](#). Students should be attending a minimum of **three of these sessions per week**, in addition to **2 x 45-minute revision sessions independently at home** in the evenings (with more at the weekend).

To make the most of the Easter break and get on top of revision to support confidence when approaching the exams, we strongly advise all our students plan a thorough revision timetable which allows for an average of **4 x 45-minute revision sessions per day**. These chunked sessions will allow for regular brain breaks which can help to ensure a bit of balance and avoid 'burn out'. Students will receive new paper copies of blank revision timetables before the break, but they can also be found [electronically here](#). Of course, we recognise that the exam season will be tiring and challenging, so finding a reasonable balance of work and rest over Easter is important, but equally we want to make the most of the last few weeks before the exams begin, remembering that Year 11 will enjoy a very long summer rest and well-deserved break post exams.

### A few top tips to support revision over the Easter break:

- Try to place more emphasis on revision at the start of the day when students are arguably feeling fresher, and of course this gets the work out of the way early on, giving them free time later in the day.
- Ensure that revision is taking place in a suitable environment free from distractions (i.e., at the kitchen table, no phone or music on, lots of natural light).
- Ensure students have all the resources they need in advance (i.e., remind them to print off past papers and resources in school before the Easter break, particularly if they do not have access to a printer at home).

Further advice and support for parents can be [found here](#).

Staff will be providing lots of revision-specific materials via Class Charts which will form the basis of support and preparation over Easter.

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In addition to the support materials and advice provided, we will be inviting some students into school over the break to support coursework and 'catch up' in certain subject areas. If your child has been invited to a particular session, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that they attend.

You will see from the timetable below that in addition to 'invite only' sessions, we will also be opening an independent study room to provide a quiet and well-resourced area to support productive independent revision. If you feel like your child would benefit from the structure and routine of coming into the school environment to complete independent revision, please do send them in on the days the 'Revision Room' is running in the library. In addition to providing a productive environment for students, supervising staff in the Revision Room will also be on hand to help with subject-specific queries or questions. Please see the timetable below for details of this.

Students attending are welcome to come in their own clothes, and bring water and a snack with them should they wish to do so. All sessions will take place in A block at the front of the school building, so we ask that students enter and exit the school site via Main Reception where sign-in sheets will be placed. Whilst it has never been an issue in the past, it is important to remind students that usual school rules apply, and we do expect excellent conduct from any students attending additional support sessions. We are very fortunate that so many staff are willing to give up their time to help them, and we want to ensure that students appreciate that and are productive during the sessions.

#### Week 1

Day	Time	Subject	Who can attend?	Location	Staff
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30-12.30pm	English	Invite only	A113 A114 A117	Miss Wilson Miss Penketh Miss Crowder
	9.30-12.30pm	Revision Room (Independent Study)  <i>History Revision Support</i>	Open to all	Library	Mrs Neesam
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30-12.30pm	Revision Room (Independent Study)  <i>Maths Revision Support</i>	Open to all	Library	Mr Johnson
	9.30-12.30pm	Biology Revision	Invite only	A117	Dr Dodds
	9.30-12.30pm	English	Invite only	A113	Mrs Lawson Corney
	9-3pm	Fine Art	Invite only	E208/9	Mrs Taylor
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30-12.30pm	Revision Room (Independent Study)  <i>English Revision Support</i>	Open to all	Library	Mrs Feast
	9.30-12.30pm	Physics Revision	Invite only	A119	Dr Dodds
	9.30-12.30pm	German	Open to all	A113	Mrs Hurn
	9.30-12.30pm	Spanish	Open to all	A114	Ms Moreno
	9.30-12.30pm	French	Open to all	A117	Mr Roberts
	9-3pm	Fine Art	Invite only	E208/9	Mrs Taylor
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30-12.30pm	Chemistry Revision	Invite only	A117	Dr Dodds
	10-12pm	Dance	Invite only	A113	Miss Finnigan
	1-3pm	GCSE Music	Invite only	D104	Dr McCombs
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10-2pm	Drama	Invite only	A113	Mrs Richards

**Week 2**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Who can attend?</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30-12.30pm	Revision Room (Independent Study)  <i>History Revision Support</i>	Open to all	Library	Mrs McGahey
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30-11.30am	GCSE Design Technology	Invite only	E106	Mr Bearsdall
	10-11am	Geography Paper 1 (Physical Geography)	Open to all	Teams online (see Class Charts)	Mr Iddon
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30-12.30pm	Revision Room (Independent Study)  <i>Maths Revision Support</i>	Open to all	Library	Miss Dixon
	9.30-12.30pm	German	Open to all	A113	Mrs Hurn
	10-11am	Geography Paper 2 (Human Geography)	Open to all	Teams online (see Class Charts)	Mr Iddon
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30-12.30pm	Revision Room (Independent Study)  <i>History Revision Support</i>	Open to all	Library	Mr Williams
	9.30-12.30pm	English	Invite only	A113 A117	Mr Dickinson Mrs Hartley
	10.30-12.30	Geography (Paper 3)	Open to all	A217	Mrs Rigby

Finally, you will see from the timetable on the school website that the first GCSE examination takes place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, and the first whole cohort examination takes place on 12<sup>th</sup> May. We expect all of our Year 11 students to attend school every day following the Easter holiday as all lessons will be running as normal. We will also be offering exam briefings in the Main Hall for morning exams and timetable tweaks to allow for additional 'final top tips' with subject experts in the lessons prior to scheduled exams. Further information regarding timetable changes and additional support, as well as any agreed study leave, will be shared after the Easter holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



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