

May 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Whilst the majority of year 11 are undoubtedly working hard, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the limited time left before all year 11 are scheduled to take their terminal GCSEs. We would like to ensure you that we will do everything we can within school to provide your child with the support necessary to achieve success. We have suggested that students spend at least 2 hours in an evening revising and at least 5 hours per day revising in May half term. This is best done in 'chunks' with rest breaks, and using a variety of methods: from completing past papers to using Q cards with key specific pieces of information on. Lots of revision material, such as past papers, have already been provided to students by subject teachers.

In addition, students need to make sure they look after themselves out of school. They need to go to bed at a reasonable time, even in the holiday and limit the use of social media and 'Gaming'. What students do in their time away from school will certainly help determine their success in the summer, just as much as how they spend their time in school. I have included a useful 'how to' guide on revision with this letter including a final examination timetable. Furthermore, students are reminded that P6 sessions carry on as normal and some members of staff have requested students for either a Saturday session or a session in May half term.

Exemplary attendance and punctuality in the forthcoming weeks is key to student success and any appointments, wherever possible need to be made after school. It is the expectation that all students are in full school uniform including school shoes throughout the exam period. Wearing trainers for a GCSE examination is not permitted.

Yours sincerely



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