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Re: Year 11 Revision

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and your son/daughter found a good balance of rest and productivity during the break. While time away from school is important, I'm sure revision has rightly been a significant part of your household's activities. As GCSEs approach, we're working hard to help all our Year 11 students succeed. During this crucial period, some need help staying focused and putting in consistent effort, while others need to build their confidence.

We're committed to working together with you to support your son/daughter in these final weeks. To do this, we're implementing several key strategies:

- Targeted Morning Interventions: We will continue to run morning intervention sessions during form time. These sessions will specifically address learning gaps identified from the recent mock exams, providing focused support where it's most needed.
- After-School Booster Sessions (Period 5): Our extra after-school booster sessions will continue right up to the exams. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend these sessions. They are not a punishment but a valuable opportunity for extra support and are very much in every student's best interest. Your support in encouraging their attendance at these Period 5 sessions would be greatly appreciated. Students will receive further information regarding this.
- Breakfast Booster Sessions: On the mornings of their exams, we will be running breakfast booster sessions. This will provide a final opportunity for focused review and a positive start to their exam day. Students will receive further information regarding this.
- Personalised Timetables with In-School Boosters: Once the main exam period begins, each Year 11 student will receive a personalised timetable. This will include specific booster sessions scheduled during the school day, directly linked to their exam timetable. More details on this will follow shortly.
- Wickersley Winners: To help with recalling key English quotes and math formulas, staff will be asking students fun questions as they arrive at school and during breaks. Students can also access all the questions anytime through Google Classroom.



In recent weeks, we've focused heavily on teaching effective revision strategies in school. Now, students must use this advice and dedicate time to structured revision at home.

Our goal is for every student to achieve their personal best in each subject this summer. These results are crucial for their future plans and post-16 studies. We have full confidence in our students; they are capable of great things. Like you, we want them to look back on their GCSEs with pride, knowing they gave it their absolute best effort. That's all we can ask!

To summarise, we are asking all students to:

- Continue to attend school regularly and arrive on time for all lessons.
- Try their hardest in every lesson, right up to their final exam.
- Attend after-school booster sessions (Period 5) consistently.
- Utilise weekends and the Spring Bank Holiday to revise.
- Not be discouraged by setbacks.
- Seek advice and guidance from their teachers whenever they need help.
- Aim high and believe in their ability we certainly do!

We understand that this can be a stressful time for parents and students. If you have any concerns about your son or daughter's well-being, please do not hesitate to contact us so we can put additional support in place. You can also find valuable resources for managing exam stress through Kooth, and further information can be found on the Young Minds website.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child achieve their full potential. The combination of home, school and student will prove to be unbeatable.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Hardcastle Headteacher

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