

Our ref: AES / TiW

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the support available to your child, and some key dates as we approach the GCSE exams.

Key dates for your family calendar:

- The first GCSE exam, on the **13th May**, is just short of 50 school days away!
- **Night Club: Every Wednesday and Thursday (4:05pm - 5:30pm)**
During these sessions students are able to get extra support with their revision and Independent Study. At least 50% of Year 11 students regularly attend to take advantage of our friendly and focused learning environment.
- **Pre-Public Exams (Practise Exams): 25th February - 8th March**
I have included your child's exam timetable for the PPE session.
We hope that you have seen a good level of preparation from your child, as this set of practise exams gives us a vast amount of information about how best to support them in the run up to the actual GCSE exams.
- **Holiday revision sessions**
We are currently offering targeted revision sessions during the final 3 school holidays
 - **February Half Term:** A letter will be enclosed in this pack if your child is required to attend.
 - **Easter holidays:** We will be offering sessions between **Monday 8th April and Monday 15th April**. Further details will be sent next term.
 - **May Half Term (Tuesday 28th May - Thursday 30th May):** With crucial English and Maths exams in the first week after half term we do not disadvantage our students by having no teacher contact for 9 days. It is **school as normal for all Year 11 students**, however school **uniform is not required** and the **Thursday afternoon is a celebration event**.
- **Parents' Evening on - Thursday 28th March**
- **Exam contingency day - Wednesday 26th June:** All students need to be available on this day in case of any issues with their exams.
- **Leavers Assembly - Friday 28th June, 3pm in the main hall:** A final chance to get together as a year group. There will be an opportunity for shirt signing.
- **School Prom - Friday 12th July:** We really hope to see your child there! Payments need to be made via the school's online payment system.



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How can you support?

- **Ensure 100% Attendance from now on:** This is crucial to ensure your child is prepared fully for their exams and reduces the additional stress of missed work.
- Spend some time with your child **highlighting their PPE timetable.**
- Place the timetable somewhere in the house in full view so everyone can help to remind them!
- Check **“Milk”** to see if they have completed their subject tasks.
- **Check their revision planner** to ensure they are planning and completing their revision.
- Remind them to attend **“Toast it” sessions at 8am** for the morning exams.
- Encourage your child to attend **at least one of the Nightclub sessions** each week.
- **Have a good space to work with suitable lighting:** Distractions out of sight (including mobile phones).
- **Ensure they eat, drink plenty of water and sleep well:** 8-9 hours is recommended and supports knowledge retention.
- **Still find some time to relax and socialise:** Well-being is crucial to success!

If you or your child have any questions or concerns about their revision, then please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher in the first instance. Alternatively you may contact me using the email address below.

I wish your child the very best in their upcoming exams.

Yours sincerely,



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