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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 11 Revision Support

I hope this email finds you well.

As we approach the exam season, it is crucial that your son is taking advantage of every opportunity that the school provides in terms of academic support. Please find below various departmental support sessions that are available for your son. He should prioritise his attendance based on need. This should be done via discussion with his subject teachers. Although attendance is optional, we recommend that he takes advantage of as many sessions as possible to maximise learning.

Departmental Support Sessions:

Art: Pupils are currently in their exam period (40% of their overall grade). They have been provided with a weekly exam planner to support their pace and organisation. Compulsory support sessions run every Wednesday lunchtime and pupils can drop in any break or lunchtime for additional support. The department is also offering a practical workshop from 11.00-15.00 on Monday 8th April to support pupils prior to their 2-day exam (18th & 19th April) (exam board: AQA)

Biology: Students should please check the google sheet on the teams page for the drop in times. This will also show the specific topic being covered. General Biology drop in sessions, Tuesday Lunchtime (B2) [Year 11 Drop in Sessions](#) (exam board: Edexcel)

Chemistry: Drop-in Monday lunch, Tuesday lunch, Thursday break, Friday break in C2; Support sessions Friday from 8:30-9:05 in C3 (exam board: Edexcel)

Classics: Extra classes by arrangement (exam board: OCR)

Computer Science: Wednesday 15:30-16:45, Room 30, (exam board: OCR)

DT: NEA catch-up sessions most lunchtimes. Saturday 16th March open for practical catch-up (9.00-1300). After Easter break, the department will be running optional revision / exam preparation sessions on Monday afternoons (1530-1630). (exam board: AQA)

English: Friday lunchtimes, Room 26, (exam board: AQA)

French: Wednesday lunchtime L9, (exam board: AQA)

Geography: Thursday after school, after Easter, details to be posted in Geography Block (exam: Edexcel)

German: Every Friday first break in L6 (speaking practice). Extra grammar support can also be arranged by your son's German teacher. He should speak to Miss Sheppard or Mr Balaam if he would like this. (exam board: AQA)

History: Thursday lunchtimes, Room 20, (exam board: Edexcel)

Latin: Extra classes by arrangement (exam board: OCR)

Maths: Maths Mentoring Tuesday 1:30 Room 34. Extra revision and practice resources can be arranged. Please speak to the Maths teacher. (exam board: AQA)

Music: Wednesday 15:30-17:00, Room 14, (exam board: WJEC Eduqas)

PE: Tuesday after school practical sessions. The Ever Learner and Teams revision folder. (exam board: AQA)

Physics: Monday lunchtimes, lab P3, (exam: board: Edexcel)

RS: Monday: 1530-1630. Room 8. Here we can pick topics to review and go through exam practice. (exam board: AQA)

Spanish: Wednesday lunchtime L2, (exam board:AQA)

Please also find below some revision advice and resources that may further support your son's revision.

Revision Support:

Here are some considerations for planning revision time:

1. **Quality over quantity:** It's more effective to have focused, productive study sessions rather than simply logging hours. Encourage your son to concentrate during revision sessions and use active learning techniques such as summarising, teaching the material to someone else, or practising past exam questions. Finally, ensure that technological distractions are kept to a minimum.
2. **Plan strategically:** Help your son create a revision timetable that allocates time for each subject based on its importance, difficulty level, and his familiarity with the material. Prioritise subjects that require more attention and balance study sessions to prevent burnout.
3. **Break it down:** Short, regular study sessions (e.g., 30-45 minutes) with breaks in between are often more effective than long, marathon sessions. Encourage your son to take breaks to recharge and maintain focus.
4. **Consistency is key:** Encourage your son to establish a routine and stick to it. Consistent daily revision, even if it's for a shorter duration, can lead to better retention and understanding of the material.

Revision Resources:

Exam Board Specifications

CGP Revision Guides

BBC Bitesize

Dr Frost

PMT (Physics Maths Tutor)

MyMaths

AYP

Revision World (Offers Past Papers/Mark Schemes)

Studywise.co.uk

Seneca Learning

Yours faithfully,

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