



19th March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 Exam Period Attendance

In recent years, students have fallen into a bit of a bad habit in the lead up to the exam period, which has had an adverse effect on their GCSE results. As the exam periods starts to get closer, some students have thought that working at home on their revision will mean that they get more work done and that this will help them achieve better grades. We can say with a lot of certainty that this is absolutely, not the case.

Teachers will still be going over essential information and exam practice in lessons until May half term. If students miss any of these lessons, they will be missing vital information that could come up in the exam. There can be a misconception that just because the course has been taught in its entirety, that lesson time is not important. Our teachers are very experienced, plus a lot of them are examiners, and this time is when the real refining of exam practice happens.

After May half term, up until the 12th June lessons will still be running for all Year 11 students unless they are actually in an exam. This time will be used to cover likely questions that will come up in the exam and the most effective way to answer them. Last year, we had students who thought they would be better of revising at home, they missed these crucial lessons, and then when the questions came up in the exam they reported to their teacher afterwards that they had either not been able to answer it or had really struggled with it. We really do not want your child to fall into the same trap.

Please can you ensure that your child keeps attending school and does not make the mistake of thinking they can revise better on their own.

Many thanks in advance for your support with this,

Yours faithfully,

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