

March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we build our focus on preparation for the summer exams we wanted to make you aware of the different opportunities available to support students.

We continue to run the Spring term revision sessions that were shared with you at the start of the term. We will re-send this timetable after Easter, and will be sure to update this with any additional revision that will be on offer leading up to the GCSE exams. Please be aware that there is a daily revision room available after school, Monday–Thursday, that is staffed by the Year 11 pastoral team and is offered to provide a quiet learning zone for students who may benefit from such an environment.

Form time continues to be an opportunity for revision to take place, and we will be looking at PR3 data this week, and setting targets for revision on the back of this. Staff will support students in creating revision timetables for the weeks ahead, and help them to successfully plan their revision for the upcoming GCSEs, which start week commencing 16th May 2022. It is vital that students are in school on time to make the most of this time, as all form times are planned with tasks that are there to support the overall progress of our students. Students should be bringing additional revision material to school daily, and using this when they have the opportunity to do so. If you have not already ordered revision books for your child, please follow the link [here](#) for the recommended guides.

There are also a number of apps that we suggest using to aid revision, including GCSE pod, Tassomai, Seneca learning, Mathswatch and Vocab Express for our linguists. These apps offer differing support based on an individual's needs, but ultimately aim to provide an opportunity to re-call and re-cap prior knowledge through a variation of activities. We recommend the use of these apps to complement any revision that our specialist teachers advise in the run up to their GCSE examinations.

We are also running a number of revision sessions or drop ins over the Easter break. All students have the opportunity to come into school to use the library to study on the dates below from 9am until 1pm. We find that many students often find it easier to motivate themselves to work in school and with some supervision. We will have a variety of resources for students to use and a staff member to supervise, but it would be helpful for students to bring anything specific they wish to work on. On specific days there will be subject-specialist staff who will be available as a drop in for their subject. All students are welcome to attend these sessions, uniform is not required and students do not need to stay for the whole time. The canteen will be closed, but we will have some light refreshments such as biscuits and something to drink.

Monday 4th April – Library available and History drop in, Mr Williams; Psychology drop in from 10.30am

Tuesday 5th April – Library available and Psychology drop in, Mrs Wagstaff

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Wednesday 6th April – Library available and Maths drop in, Mr Johnson

Thursday 7th April – Library available and RS drop in, Ms Taylor

Thursday 14th April – Library available and English drop in, Mrs Feast

In addition to these drop-in sessions that can be accessed by any student, we also have a number of staff who have generously offered to run some other revision sessions. Any online revision session will be open to all, but due to limited availability most in-person sessions will be by invitation only. Students who are invited will be sent an invitation separately in the next day or so via text message/school comms.

A timetable of Revision Sessions can be found in the [link here](#).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.A. Johnson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr R Johnson
Deputy Headteacher