



## RE: Year 11 Easter Update

Dear parents/carers,

What a busy half term it has been for our Year 11 students! Many of them have been involved in practical examinations over the last three to four weeks and we could not be prouder of how they have performed. As we get them ready for the upcoming exam season, I thought it would be helpful to share a couple of reminders to help them make the most of the Easter holidays, and beyond.

To make the most of the Easter break and get on top of revision to support confidence when approaching the exams, we strongly advise all our students to plan a thorough revision timetable which allows for a minimum of **4 x 45-minute revision sessions per day**. These chunked sessions will allow for regular brain breaks which can help to ensure a bit of balance and help our students to avoid 'burn out'. Of course, we recognise that the exam season will be tiring and challenging, so finding a reasonable balance of work and rest over Easter is important; but equally we want to make the most of the last few weeks before the examinations begin, remembering that Year 11 will enjoy a very long summer rest and well-deserved break post exams.

### A few top tips to support revision over the Easter break:

1. Try to place more emphasis on revision at the start of the day when students are arguably feeling fresher, and of course this gets the work out of the way early on, giving them free time later in the day.
2. Ensure that revision is taking place in a suitable environment free from distractions (i.e., at the kitchen table, no phone or music on, lots of natural light).
3. Ensure students have all of the resources they need in advance (i.e., remind them to print off past papers and resources in school before the Easter break, particularly if they do not have access to a printer at home. The library will remain open until 4pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to support them in doing this. Equally, they are welcome to attend the library sessions over the Easter holidays to support them with this).

Further advice and support for parents can be found [here](#).

Staff will be providing lots of revision specific materials via Class Charts which will form the basis of support and preparation over Easter. We also encourage students to utilise the PLCs ([found here](#)) to allow them to go through topics in their subjects and 'Red', 'Amber' and 'Green' these to support them in prioritising areas for revision.

In addition to the support materials and advice provided, we will be inviting some students into school over the break to support coursework and 'catch up' in certain subject areas. You will see from the timetable below that in addition to 'invite only' sessions, we will also be opening an independent study room to provide a quiet and well-resourced room to support productive independent revision. If you feel like your child would benefit from the structure and routine of coming into the school environment to complete independent revision, please do send them in on the days the 'Revision Room' is running in the library. If





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your child has been invited to a particular session, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that they attend.

Students attending are welcome to come in their own clothes and bring water and a snack with them should they wish to do so. All sessions will take place in A block at the front of the school building, so we ask that students enter and exit the school site via Main Reception where sign-in sheets will be placed. Whilst it has never been an issue in the past, it is important to remind students that usual school rules apply, and we do expect excellent conduct from any students attending additional support sessions. We are very fortunate that so many staff are willing to give up their time to help them, and we want to ensure that students appreciate that and are productive during the sessions.

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Please note the tweak/additions highlighted in blue below.

Day	Time	Subject	Who can attend?	Location	Staff
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30-12.30	Revision Room (Independent Silent Study)	Open to all	Library	Mrs Neesam
	9.30-12.30	German	Open to all	A113	Mrs Freebairn
	9-11am	GCSE Design and Technology 11D/DT1	Open to all	A113	Miss Cucuz
	9-3pm	GCSE Art	Invite only	E208/E209	Mrs Taylor
	9-3pm	GCSE Photography	Invite only	E205	Mrs Anderson-Hardy
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30-12.30pm	Revision Room (Independent Silent Study)	Open to all	Library	Miss Yates
	10-12pm	English Literature	Invite only	A120	Miss Crowder
	10-12pm	English Literature	Invite only	A119	Mr Dickinson
	12.30-2.30pm	English Literature	Invite only	A120	Miss Crowder
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Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	9-11am	GCSE Design and Technology 11C/DT1	Open to all	A113	Mr Beardsall
	10-12.30pm	Geography	Open	A218 A217	Mr Elwood Mrs Rigby
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30-12.30pm	Revision Room (Independent Silent Study)		Library	Mrs McGahey
	9am-12pm	GCSE Drama	Open to all	A113	Mrs Richards
	9-12pm	GCSE Music	Open to all	A114	Mr Starkey
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	9-11.30am	GCSE Media	Open to all	A114	Miss Lorenzelli
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30-12.30pm	Revision Room (Independent Silent Study)		Library	Mrs Feast
	9.30-11am	GCSE French (Foundation)	Invite only	A113/A114	Mrs Hum
	11-12.30PM	GCSE French (Higher)	Invite only	A113/A114	Mrs Hum





Finally, Year 11 students have now all received their **statements of entry** and will be receiving their individual timetables upon our return. Please find a copy of the complete exam timetable [here](#) to support revision and subject priority. The first whole cohort examination will take place two weeks after our return from the Easter break (11<sup>th</sup> May). During this time, and throughout the weeks leading up to May half term, we will be creating a bespoke timetable for Year 11 which will provide them with additional 'booster sessions' with their subject teachers prior to exams. We hope that these additional boosters will equip them with the confidence they need to be successful, as well as being a final opportunity to share top tips for exam success and address any misconceptions.

Students in the past have found this time with their teachers invaluable and so it is crucial that Year 11 students continue to attend school every day throughout next half term. By not attending, students are putting themselves at a disadvantage as they will be missing out on time with their teachers, the subject experts (many of whom mark for the exam boards!). This bespoke timetable will be shared with you in the first week back after Easter along with confirmation of Year 11 study leave.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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