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Dear Parent /Carer

I want to share with you our plans for supporting revision and preparation for GCSE exams. The exam session is long. The first GCSE exam is on 15th May and the final exam is 26th June. It is important that in the run up to the exams and during this exam period your son or daughter has a clear routine that enables them to get support from their teachers and keeps a manageable workload. Please support and encourage a sensible amount of revision spaced throughout the week. This half term is a good time to look at the exam timetable, found on the website, and help your child devise a revision timetable covering all subjects with a clear focus with periods of rest and relaxation planned in.

Finishing Year 11 is also a 'rite of passage'. With this in mind we will hold a celebration assembly during period 1 on Friday 12th May. Pupils will be able to get shirts signed and will hear from their form teachers and Head of Year, Ms Richardson. After the assembly pupils will be allowed to go home to either continue their celebrations or revise for their exams the following week. This is **NOT** a leaving assembly. Up until half term, Friday 26th May, pupils will be expected to be in school accessing all their lessons. If a subject has finished its exam then the class teacher will provide a study environment for your child to revise in. Following the English Literature exam on Friday 26th pupils will only be expected in school to sit an exam or attend a lesson for a subject where the exam has not happened yet. This is the beginning of study leave. There will always be an available space in school for pupils to revise if they would rather spend full days in school. All pupils will be expected to wear full school uniform and follow all school expectations throughout the exam period.

The balance between supported study in school and individual study at home is always a difficult one to navigate. We have many years of experience that tells us that the greater contact pupils have with their teachers the better their GCSE outcomes. We will do all we can to support revision at school but it is obviously vital that you ensure a suitable environment and expectation for study at home. The earlier revision starts the better. Exams can bring about levels of concern and anxiety. If you feel your child is becoming particularly anxious then please do let us know so that we can support.

I wish your child every success as they approach the exam period. We are always available to support in any way we can.

Yours sincerely

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