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Dear Parent/Carer

HEADTEACHER: Mrs R Skelton

As we move into the main GCSE exam period I wanted to share with you the strategies which are in place to support your son/daughter through this period. Individual timetables - each week your son/daughter will receive an individual timetable showing their timetabled lessons, timetabled booster sessions and exams. These will be emailed to them by Friday of the week before.

Booster sessions will run from 8am each morning for morning exams. These will be in the main hall and students will be able to access breakfast during these sessions. This also allows us to check that students have arrived in school on time.

After school booster sessions will continue to run for a number of subjects but these will vary through the exam period based on which exams are still to take place. These will not show on student timetables but staff will let students know when these are taking place.

Some subjects will be offering online revision sessions at 6pm the evening before an exam. These will be in English, History, Chemistry, Geography and Childcare. The staff running these sessions will send Google Meet links directly to your son/daughters school email address.

On Sunday, the English team is running an in school revision session between 10am and 12pm. Booster sessions for some subjects will take place during half term. Letters with this information will be sent nearer the time.

Where there are no morning exams we will continue to run the Mission Possible challenges at the gate for all Y11 students. You can find the daily questions on our social media stories.

The attendance team will start making calls from 8am on the morning of exams if your child hasn't arrived in school to check that they are on their way in. They will also make calls the evening before an exam to some families as a gentle reminder that your child has an exam the next day.

It is essential that your son/daughter continues to attend school throughout the exam period as staff have planned targeted revision sessions for all subjects and additional booster sessions prior to each exam. Staff have worked across the trust to develop clear revision materials and have identified topics which are areas of development for students following the mocks and analysis of previous papers. Students will be expected to remain in school between exams. Students will no longer attend school after their last exam.

Should you have any concerns about your child's attendance during the exam period for example in the case of illness please contact the school as soon as possible so that we can support you and your child. As these are national exams they **cannot** be re-scheduled or sat at a later date.

We appreciate that this is a stressful period for our students and their families. Should you have any concerns about your child and how they are coping with exams please contact us as soon as possible so that we can ensure that the correct support is in place.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and all you are doing to support your son/daughter with their preparation for these exams. The leadership team have been visiting all Year 11 lessons and we are immensely proud of how well they are all working in school and the way in which they are preparing for these exams.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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