

Year 11 newsletter

Easter holiday edition



Dear families, I hope this newsletter finds you well. We've had a busy half-term and Y11 have responded brilliantly!

We've had our second round of mock exams, three cohorts of mentoring, trips, sports fixtures, guest speakers and finally our mock results day last week. The day went really well, where students were reflective about where they currently are and then forward thinking about their next steps and what they must do to ensure successes in the exams.

If you haven't done so already, please discuss your child's results and support them to create a revision plan for over the Easter break.



Easter revision

Some students have been selected to attend bespoke Easter revision sessions, based on the recent mock results. Students would have received paper copies of their tabletables and families would have received email version. If students haven't been invited in, please do not worry! Teachers have prepared students with materials for their own revision.

Revision tip of the week:

Last week's- GCSE Pod! <https://www.gcsepod.com/>

This week's- Using **Action Jackson's** advice:

Participate- being an active participant in lessons and revision. This involves 'doing' and not just watching videos. Revision videos are great, but it's what is done with the information/ content afterwards.

Pomodoro - a revision technique where students work for a timed 25 minutes, without distractions. Students then have 5 minutes break and repeat the cycle 3-4 times in the evenings, for different subjects. On weekends and holidays, this can be doubled.

Praise- when students are working hard, it's important that they receive praise from teachers and from families. It's also important for them to praise themselves and be kind during their studies.

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Important dates

Monday 29th April - Wednesday 8th May- Students have their speaking exams in Spanish, French or German. Students will have a date and a time to attend.

Thursday 9th May The first written exam begins.

Thursday 23rd May Study leave begins. Students will no longer have to attend school, unless they have an exam or a revision session.

Thursday 27th June Students will have their leavers assembly and prom.

Revision tips for Easter

- 1) Ensure your child treats the Easter break as a working holiday. They should be doing between 4 and 6 hours revision a day.
- 2) Display your child's revision timetable somewhere noticeable in the home. Hold your child accountable for their revision.
- 3) Encourage your child to try different methods of revision: flash cards, 'blurting', past papers, specific exam questions, revision guide recalling, videos and online resources. We have subscriptions to Mathswatch, GCSE pod, Educake, Seneca, The Everlearner and many more!
- 4) Positivity and praise! Exams can be really stressful, so try to keep all conversations positive and refer to how their good grades will allow them to pursue their chosen avenue from September.
- 5) Rest. It has been a long term, and your child has worked very hard. Please do allow them to have *some* 'them time' to rest and recuperate, ready for the next half-term.