



Dear Parent / Guardian

I write to let you know the revision support that we are putting in place this academic year.

Our aim to teach the students how to revise independently. If our students have the skills and knowledge to revise effectively at home, they will be able to apply this to any subject, and will benefit in what-ever path they take post-16. With that in mind, we have used our Private Study lessons to model how to do the basic aspects of revision really effectively. We consider the important foundations of revision to be:

- Summarising (reviewing what they have been taught)
- Memorising (committing the content to long term memory)
- Practicing (applying the memorised content to exam questions)

All students have had the opportunity to apply these skills to some core content, with their teachers giving them feedback on the process. We hope that this will form a foundation for their revision needs moving forward.

Should students find that they still require support with 'how to revise', then I am offering a revision skills workshop session each Tuesday, after school in A22. There I can work on the core elements of revision again in smaller groups, students can attend as many sessions as they need until they feel comfortable to apply their new-found revision skills at home, independently.

We have a GCSE support page available to parents and students which can be found here:

[GCSE Support](#)

This webpage contains the following:

- Revision Tips
- Videos covering: revision timetables, summarising, using quiz cards and using exam papers.
- Signposts for students and parents seeking support for mental health associated with exams.
- Links to department frog pages that offer revision activities.
- Links to external providers that offer revision support.



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Departments are offering various levels of support with revision classes after school according to the needs of their cohort. The timetable of which days each subject is offering is below. Students would benefit from checking with their class teacher to double check the content of the revision class before attending.

Week A

Monday	Maths	D&T c/work catch up sessions		
Tuesday	English	Science		
Wednesday	Comp Science	Spanish		
Thursday	Geography (from 5th Oct)	History (9th Nov)	D&T c/work catch up sessions	
Friday	German			

Week B

Monday	Maths	D&T c/work catch up sessions		
Tuesday	English	Science		
Wednesday	Comp Science	Spanish		
Thursday	Geography	History (2nd Nov)	ACo English class	D&T c/work catch up sessions
Friday	German			

On Tuesday 23rd January we hope to offer a Revision Workshop event, which will be an opportunity for parents and guardians to come into school with their child. The event will cover all the key aspects of how parents can support their children with revision. We hope the event to include sessions with our English, Maths, and Science teams, as well as the opportunity to sign up to work with some of our option subjects, or indeed workshops covering some of the generic aspects of revision such as effective timetabling, summarising and exam practice. Please do keep an ear out for more information regarding this event, closer to the time.

In conjunction with our evening event, we will also offer some more informal morning drop ins, where parents and guardians can pop into school to discuss individual revision support needs with members of our Assistant Head or Lead Practitioner team. Again, we will give more information on this, closer to the time.

I trust that you have found this information letter useful, and please don't hesitate to contact our Head of Year 11, tutors, or indeed myself if there are any support we can provide.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the Revision Workshop event in January.

Best wishes

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