



The Kings of Wessex Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

Revision for Year 11 Examinations

I am writing to you with information and advice about how you can support your child whilst they are revising for their upcoming exams.

At Kings we have been working with Year 11 through the assembly and tutor programme on learning how to revise effectively and how students can look after their wellbeing whilst working hard in preparation for their exams. The pressure of preparing for the challenge of Year 11 exams is bound to cause some stress and anxiety. We strive to equip students with the skills they need to tackle their revision confidently and with strategies to look after themselves during this period.

In order to help you in supporting your son / daughter please find two documents with this letter. Firstly, I have put together an overview of revision advice. This pulls together advice and research from a wide range of sources and reflects what we, at Kings, believe works effectively. You will find here some golden rules on how to revise, tips on when and where to revise, advice for students on how to look after themselves during this intense period and information about how you can support your child. Secondly, you will find revision advice from each subject area across the curriculum. This has been put together by subject leaders at Kings and covers subject specific advice and information about which resources your son / daughter can use and where to access them.

As we get nearer to the exam period, it is now essential that your child has established a good routine for regular revision. This should include revising most evenings, at weekends and in the school holidays. It is also very important that they get the balance right with planned breaks and time to switch off and relax. The attached information gives some good tips on how the right balance can be achieved.

To help planning ahead with revision I can let you know that study leave for Year 11 will begin after the May Half Term holiday. Up until Friday 25 May, when we break up for May Half Term, students will need to be in school as usual and when they are not in exams they will be in lessons or engaged with revision activities. From Monday 4 June, after May Half Term, students will only be required in school when they have exams. However, they will be welcome in school at other times and supervised study rooms will be available for them to use for their independent revision.

I would like to wish your son / daughter every success with their revision and with the upcoming exams in May and June. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions about revision or if there is any further support your child needs to help them prepare for their exams: JEdwards@kowessex.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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