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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.

Mr Wiltshire has also written to you to provide an update regarding our outage of information systems due to the cyber-attack. We continue to work to restore and return as soon as possible.

At Kings we have been working with Year 11 through the assembly, tutor and focus day programmes on learning how to revise and answer exam papers effectively, alongside how students can look after their wellbeing whilst working hard in preparation for their exams. 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.

To help you in supporting your son/daughter I would like to draw your attention to specific documents and dates. Firstly, for those students booked into Easter revision sessions you are reminded they are required to bring enough food and drink to last from 9:00am until 3:30pm. Students are not required to wear uniform. Year 11 will not be able to leave site during the day.

Secondly, resources on revision and self-care which are featured on the website can be found [here](#). You will find top tips on how to revise, 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. In addition, you are reminded that the 15 to 1 guide outlines revision to be undertaken in each subject on a weekly basis. You can access this [here](#). In addition, there will be an online Parents' Information Evening on 23 April at 6.00pm and a link will be sent after the holidays to review this information.

Thirdly, you will find attached an outline of the exams and the revision Pre – Exam Preparation (PEP) sessions for Year 11. PEP sessions provide a final summary on the key points subject staff have identified as essential for students for the imminent paper. In previous years, students' feedback has identified these as having a positive impact on their attainment. The external exams are shown in blue, the PEP sessions are in green, breakfast café times in red and alternative lunch times in yellow. Any possible clashes are shown in purple. During breakfast café times, subject staff will be available alongside a snack and drink from 8:10am prior to the examination. Any student with an examination clash will be advised individually on their timings for that day. Year 11 students are expected to attend school full time up to and including Friday 7 June 2024 after the conclusion of their Biology examination at 2.15pm for Combined Science or 2.45pm for Triple Science.

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. Subject revision sessions at both lunchtime and after school continue to take place. Individual student bookings can be viewed on the Parents' Evening School Cloud system.

The confirmed timetable for the Summer Examination Series can be viewed on the website [here](#). Prior to making plans for the Summer break, please be aware the National Contingency afternoons have been identified as the afternoons of the 6 and 13 June 2024. The National Contingency Day is Wednesday 26 June and all students need to remain available up to and including this date. In addition, the guide to examinations for the 2024 series can also be viewed through the previous link. The results will be published for GCSE and Level 2 results on Thursday 22 August 2024. Further details for the results day will be shared in due course.

Students and parents will be emailed their individual timetable with exam times and locations. Students will need to look carefully at their individual schedule as they may have an earlier or later time due to access arrangements and some may have a clash.

We are thrilled so many students have received places for Kings' Sixth next year and we are looking forward to welcoming students on Induction Day on 26 June 2024. Students with places for September 2024 entry should look out for their postcard. For any student who now wishes to make an application to Kings' Sixth please complete the [online form](#).

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 if you have any questions about revision or if there is any further support your child needs to help them prepare for their exams.

Yours sincerely



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