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Year 10 & Year 12 Exam Revision

Dear Parent/Carer

As we move through the summer term, we are getting closer and closer to the Year 10 and Year 12 trial exams. A timetable for these exams will be sent out in due course. The purpose of these is to give the pupils a real experience of what the exam season in Year 11 and Year 13 will be like, and to allow them to identify areas of strength and areas that they are not very confident in yet. Pupils will sit these exams predominantly in the Sports Hall with invigilators following all of the normal exam conditions, for example no mobile phone, no watch, water bottles without labels and no paper in their pockets.

In school we have been preparing the pupils for these exams. I have delivered several assemblies on revision techniques such as the effective use of flash cards and the blurting method, I will continue to do this throughout this term. Subject staff have written an 8-week revision homework plan for pupils, this will be issued to pupils and emailed to parents weekly, along with being added to class charts.

At home to help the pupils prepare perhaps you could find them somewhere quiet to work, encourage them to complete all revision tasks by checking the weekly email or class charts, remove the mobiles and any other distractions for set periods of time. Revision is often more effective in short chunks of time as opposed to sitting for hours at a time. There should be some form of testing in their revision for example someone asking them questions after they have revised a particular topic, or using Seneca or GCSEpod to test themselves.

After the exams are finished and marked, pupils will receive their grades in form time, and a copy will be sent home to you. The results of these will enable subject staff to identify areas that need further action and pastoral staff will be able to support any pupils at risk of not achieving their potential grades next summer.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Lisa Love

Mrs Love
Assistant Headteacher