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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 11 - AFTER SCHOOL OPEN REVISION SESSIONS

We are pleased to inform you that we will be launching after-school open revision sessions for our Year 11 pupils from Monday 23 February 2026 through until Easter.

These sessions will run Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3.15 pm until 4.15 pm in P4. The aim of the sessions is not to deliver new teaching, but to provide a calm, purposeful environment where pupils can focus on their revision. Teachers will be present to support pupils, answer questions and help them stay on track, but pupils are expected to take responsibility for their own learning. Juice and biscuits will be provided at the start of the sessions.

These sessions are particularly important in supporting pupils during their PPEs, which begin 23 February, as well as helping them develop strong, independent revision habits that will support them effectively as they prepare for their summer examinations. By practising structured revision now, pupils can build confidence and consistency at a crucial point in the exam cycle.

Pupils should arrive with a clear idea of what they intend to revise. During the sessions, they will have access to laptops, blank flashcards and paper. Our intention is to encourage independent revision strategies that pupils can confidently replicate at home. All pupils will be given a copy of the Year 11 Subject Advice Revision Booklet, which has been created by subject teachers and outlines what effective revision looks like in each subject area. Whilst pupils are welcome to simply 'turn up', we will be encouraging them to let us know at breaktimes and lunchtimes whether or not they are intending to stay that evening.

Further support is available on the school's revision hub, which includes blank revision timetables and videos explaining effective revision techniques:

<https://www.newman.cumbria.sch.uk/pupils/revision>

Pupils should also continue to make regular use of online platforms such as GCSEPod as part of their wider revision programme.

We hope these sessions will provide valuable structure and support as pupils prepare for their assessments, and we encourage them to attend regularly.

The teacher led after school revision sessions that are already on the extra-curricular timetable will continue to run alongside these open revision sessions <https://www.newman.cumbria.sch.uk/students/activities>

Kind regards

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