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Dear Parent/Carer,

At the time of writing this letter, there are just **31 school days** until your child starts their exams in May 2022. With this in mind, I am writing to inform you about some key information and dates for the year ahead.

In this pack I have also enclosed the following information.

- Key dates for your diary
- Exams information letter from our exams officer
- Key information to support your child with their English and Maths revision.

Pre-Public Exams (Practise Exams)

Students are currently sitting their second PPE season. As mentioned in my previous letter, these PPE are in place to give them the best possible guidance on improving their knowledge and understanding ready for their real exams in May. Once results have been confirmed, we will hold a mock results assembly where students will be given a report for each PPE. I strongly encourage that you discuss this with your child once these are received and support them in their final planning in the lead up to summer exams.

Holiday Revision Sessions

We will be providing your child with the opportunity to work in small groups with their teachers over the Easter holidays and in May half term. I have provided the dates for the sessions below so that you are able to plan ahead, but students may not be taken for all the days. These sessions will be compulsory, but we believe that it will be extremely beneficial in supporting your child in their summer exams. More information about specific session will be sent out very soon.

'Nightclub' Sessions

To further support Year 11, we are continuing to offer out our Nightclub session. These sessions are on every Wednesday at 4:15pm – 5:30pm and will give your child a space to revise with the support of staff and their peers. Although optional, I highly recommend this opportunity so that they can be supported.

If you or your child have any questions or concerns about their revision, then please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact me using the email address below. I wish your child the very best in their upcoming exams.

Yours sincerely,

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Key dates for your diary

- PPE2 Results Assembly with students reports (Monday 28th March)
- Easter Holiday revision sessions (Tuesday 12th April Thursday 14th April & Tuesday 19th April)
- May Half Term revision sessions (Tuesday 31st May Thursday 2nd June)
- Summer Exam season (Monday 16th May Thursday 23rd June)
- Year 11 Prom (Thursday 30th June)

We also encourage students to do the following:

- Have 100% Attendance from now. Attendance is crucial to ensure that your child is prepared fully for their exams and reduces the additional stress of needing to catch up with missed work.
- Complete all independent study on time. This is crucial for their exam preparation.
- Start revision now! Little and often can be more effective if it is targeted and purposeful. This means that they are picking key topics to focus on.
- Use their revision planner so that they can prepare in time for each exam.
- Have breakfast before coming to school.
- Drink plenty of water and eat healthily.
- Have a good space to work with suitable lighting: Distractions out of sight (including mobile phones).
- Sleep well: 8-9 hours is recommended and supports knowledge retention.
- Still find some time to relax and socialise: Wellbeing is crucial to success!

Below are some resources available to help you support your child through the next eight months leading up to their exams.

English Programme of Study: Key Information

- English Literature revision: students can access Seneca (logins provided by their subject teacher), as well as their revision guide. Through this programme, your child can learn key quotations and test their knowledge on characters, themes and plot of all the Literature set texts.
- Google Classroom: all lessons are available on this platform. If your child misses a lesson or wants further support, they can use these materials.
- Reading the text: on average, if a student reads the set text 3 times outside of their lessons, they can gain a whole grade! Taking the time to do this will be advantageous.

Mathematics Programme of Study: Key Information

- Targeted revision on Dr Frost: students have been given a "Personalised Learning Checklist" to support with their revision. This will give them the topics that they need to focus on so that their revision is impactful.
- Hegarty Maths: this platform is still available as additional support for your child, as well as their revision guide and workbook.

