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Dear parents and carers

Next week marks the formal start of the examination season. It feels as though we have been building towards this point for some time and, as it arrives, there is a real sense of both excitement and nervous anticipation among our students. As you reflect on this period, you may recall your own experiences of sitting an exam – how you felt, how you performed and your emotions during that time. Our hope is that your child feels prepared, confident and focused, enabling them to perform to the very best of their ability.

We would like to draw your attention to a few important points. Firstly, all students now have their individual examination timetables. The information on their timetable includes: the subject, date, room location and seat number for each exam. It is essential that students use these timetables to support their revision planning and to ensure that they are clear about where they need to be and when. We ask you to support your child by helping them to create a structured revision timetable and to encourage them to review their exam timetable regularly, so they are aware of which exam is approaching so they know where to focus their revision efforts each week. We will also be sharing the full exam schedule, including details of wraparound support sessions that will take place before school and during the school day.

When you review the wraparound support schedule, you will notice that on mornings when students have a morning exam, we are requesting that they arrive at school by 8:00am. We recognise that this may require an earlier start and may disrupt established morning routines. To support students at this time the school cafeteria will be open from 7:40am; students can access complimentary toast or purchase additional breakfast items if they wish.

While many of you may already be aware, it is important to emphasise that students must attend school throughout the exam period. There is **no study leave during this time** and students must continue to attend school as normal. We will write to you to confirm the final arrangements for year 11 later in the term. From previous experience, we know that students benefit significantly from continuing to attend school during the exam period. This allows them to participate in focused, structured revision sessions led by subject specialist teachers, providing targeted support, clarification of key content and valuable opportunities to build confidence ahead of each exam.

We recognise that this period can be challenging and student wellbeing remains a priority. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns about your child during this time. We have previously shared information through the Parent Bulletin outlining effective revision strategies and techniques to reduce stress and anxiety, along with guidance on exam preparation. We encourage you to revisit this information with your child. It will also be reshared via Class Charts and on the school website, alongside other exam preparation materials shared earlier in the academic year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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