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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Students: Summer GCSE Examination Season

The formal examination season begins in earnest next week. Some of your children have already completed examinations in more vocational subjects such as Digital Information Technology, Art, Graphics, Photography and 3D Design. Congratulations to all students who have completed these examinations.

For many of your children, their examinations commence next week. I am writing to you about the support we offer our students and our communications during this period. You should already have copies of your child's exam timetable – these have been given to students. If you require a replacement copy please contact us.

We are sending daily text messages informing you about upcoming examinations and revision sessions. We send these to all parents and carers. You can use your child's timetable to see which examinations are relevant for your child.

We are also sending weekly snapshots of examinations and revision sessions like the one below this letter. These are again to help you organise and support your child.

The support we provide in school is as follows:

- Afterschool revision sessions the day before examinations – children are required to attend these sessions for last minute support
- Morning revision sessions before morning examinations – children are requested to come in as early as possible, from 8:00am, to revise with their teacher. We know those who rely on buses may not be able to make this time, so we extend the sessions to cater for their later arrival. Breakfast items are provided but these are intended to supplement breakfast at home; please do not send children in without eating as we cannot guarantee availability of breakfast items.
- Period 3 revision sessions before afternoon examinations – students revise with their subject teacher instead of their normal lessons.

If you have any queries about these arrangements, or the examination season in general, please do not hesitate to get in touch. These arrangements continue until 11 June. Nearer the time we will communicate arrangements after that point.

Finally, the best support you can provide your children is to get them to attend all of the revision sessions we are offering – our teachers are experts on preparing students for examination success. The day before an exam, when they come home after the revision session, they should have a break, then revise some more at home. Importantly, they should then stop and have an early night: being well rested for examinations is vital.

Good luck to you over this period! We know it is as stressful for you as parents and carers, as it is for your children and their teachers.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Dicocco
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Trust

Respect

Courage

Ambition