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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you will be aware, Year 11 students are about to begin their second session of mock GCSE examinations. The majority of these formal examinations have been timetabled for the week immediately following half term, beginning Monday 19 February. This schedule has been specifically designed to support and encourage students in effective, independent revision.

The change to GCSE specifications and the additional demands of fully linear and examination assessed courses, means that students need to be managing their time and revision outside of school to the very best of their abilities. To this end your son/ daughter's subject teachers will be providing students with revision materials selected for this examination session. These further support the on-line resources identified at the beginning of the academic year.

We recommend that, over the course of the half-term break, students complete a minimum of three hours focused study towards each of their GCSE subjects. This time should of course be balanced against rest, relaxation and physical activity which will all aid students in maximising their academic performance. The nature of study will vary subject to subject, for example Modern Foreign Languages may benefit best from shorter vocabulary and grammar based revision activities, whereas Art may be better completed over a longer continuous time period.

Should you have any questions regarding your son/daughter's revision, mock examinations or school life in general, in the first instance these should be directed to their Tutors: Mr Paul Rearden and Mrs Stacy Bell.

Kind regards,

Pia Parker

