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Re: End of Year Examinations

Throughout the academic year, Year 10 students have completed timed assessments and GCSE format examination questions as part of their regular lesson structure. The end of year examination season is the first formal opportunity for Year 10 students to participate in a series of off timetable examinations, replicating the demands of the GCSEs to come next year.

With all GCSE subjects now weighted towards end of course examination papers, regular and effective revision is vital. The revision skills session delivered last half term has provided students with a range of strategies to employ, such as:

- Mind mapping
- Loci
- Rhymes
- Acronyms
- Key link words

During Tutor time of this first week back, students have been given guidance on creating personalised revision timetables to support them in their preparation for the examination season. Students will also be participating in revision sessions during scheduled Tutor times.

To maximise our pastoral support for Year 10 students as they move into their final year of preparation for the public examinations, I am delighted to share the changes made to Tutoring and the additional capacity this brings. 10 Blythe and Deben will be Tutored by Mr Dexter and Mr Manington, respectively. As lead Tutor, Ms Villiers will oversee the whole year group with a focus on small group work and individual mentoring to ensure we provide our students with the very best support available.

Students are encouraged to discuss any subject specific questions they may have with their teachers, and to raise any more general concerns around revision, time management or examinations with Tutors.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P Parker
Head of Upper School

