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Dear Parent/Carer

As we embark on the first term of the New Year, I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of the wide range of support that is on offer to Year 11 students as we continue our preparation for the GCSE exams.

As a year team we have encouraged students to focus on revision as a follow-up to their mock examinations with the emphasis being on early and regular sessions. With this in mind, students have been reminded of the wide range of revision options available to them in terms of the different ways they can revise, as well as the need to begin making their revision resources now. Our advice has been that the majority of their revision resources should be made for when they return from the February half term. Following this, the focus needs to be on using their revision resources to understand their individual areas of strength as well as providing them with ample time to develop the areas that need further work.

Year 11 students have access to a computer area at break and lunch times, should they wish to make use of this time to complete homework or extra independent study.

In addition to this, each tutor group has been supplied with a revision box that contains resources from all faculty areas, as well as revision cards and coloured pens and templates for revision timetables. We will be encouraging students to make use of their tutor sessions to undertake some revision activities, be it making a few revision cards each week or using the resources provided to test themselves and identify areas of strength and further reading. Tutors will be working with students who feel they need support in identifying the best revision techniques for them and those that need support with building a schedule they can work to.

Attached is a copy of the advice and guidance that has been given to students regarding the different options that are available to them when it comes to revision. We do hope you find this useful when trying to reiterate the messages we have delivered when supporting your son/daughter at home.

After school revision sessions, focusing on option subjects, continue and we have included an up to date timetable detailing what is on offer and when. If students find their subjects are being offered on similar days, we would encourage them to seek the support of their teachers in identifying their particular areas of need so that they can prioritise the sessions they attend. Students are also welcome to make use of the Learning Resource Centre after school each day until 4.00pm if they wish. Revision sessions related to core subjects will begin following the February half term.

The final exam timetable for the summer term will be sent to yourselves and students following the February half term when all exam dates will be confirmed by the individual exam boards.

If we can provide yourself or your son/daughter with any further support and advice, please do not hesitate to make contact with their form tutor or the year team.

Best wishes

**The Year 11 Team**