

2 March 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

### Tracking and revision information

We are pleased to enclose updated estimated grades for your son/daughter. Students have already been issued with their exam timetable and we also enclose a copy of that here. We also enclose our current list of A level revision support plans, which are subject to update as we approach the exams.

Using the next 3+ months most profitably is critical to exam success. We recommend that:

- 1) Students should prepare a study / revision plan, working back from their exam dates which are on their exam timetables. This may be quite a broad plan, setting out key tasks for each week and taking account of other commitments which students may have. The timetable should be designed to ensure that students have time to revise and undertake exam practice across each subject, whilst recognising the need to fully complete the remaining course work associated with each subject.
- 2) Alongside attending all lessons, students should make best use of their private study periods at school, which in most cases amount to about **7 hours per week**. At this stage, they are certainly not for watching videos, playing games, sleeping or for idle chatter. We will be monitoring this.
- 3) Whilst every student is different, the most successful students spend **20 - 30 hours per week** on study outside normal school time as they approach A Level exams. This is a lot, but students could consider arriving at school at 0800 and leaving at 1745, perhaps taking half an hour for lunch. Doing this productively for 5 days per week would provide 17 ½ hours additional per week. We will also be allowing form tutors to release students into private study after registering in the morning, except on assembly days, adding over 1 hour of productive revision time each week. Learning for life lessons have also finished.
- 4) Students can study in the library, which is supervised from about 0800 – 1630, as well as in the Sixth Form area, which is available for use from 0800 - 1800.
- 5) With the level of effort expected, it is very important that students manage their other commitments carefully. Students should minimise anything diverting them from study for the next few months, taking particular care in respect of part time work, socialising, and playing with technology. Students need to eat and sleep well, and undertake exercise. Parents can help greatly by providing enhanced care for their son/daughter during what will probably be a busy and stressful period for them.

If students wish to study at school over the Easter holidays, this will normally be possible by advance arrangement. We need to ensure that we can supervise your son/daughter and that they will not be affected by improvement works to the school which have to take place during the holidays.

Year 13 students formally finish school lessons at lunchtime on Friday 25 May, following which students undertake study leave. This date is the same for our collaboration partner schools. I have indicated to students that, if they feel that they would study better at home and would like more flexibility during May, then they should approach me with their plans. In some cases I will ask parents/carers whether they support those plans before agreeing to them.

Much can be achieved by a Year 13 student in a few months with 100% focus and effort. Students with relatively poor estimated grades can definitely pull these up. No matter where they start from, all students should aim high and put in the hours sensibly, which will enable them to look back on their time with pride, knowing that they gave themselves the best shot at exam success.

As a school we are there to support your son/daughter. You are most welcome to contact me via [crhsenquiries@sch.im](mailto:crhsenquiries@sch.im) or 693500 with any worries or questions which you may have.

Yours faithfully



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