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Dear Parents/Carers

Ref: Supporting your child to prepare for their exams.

We hope that you had a great half-term break and that your child was able to recharge for the remaining 7 school weeks prior to the start of their final exams and assessments in week commencing Monday 28th April. We recognise that this 7 week period and the 6 weeks of exams that follow will be very challenging for everyone. However, the sacrifices that we all make in supporting every student to achieve as well as they can, will all be worth it come that sunny day in August (Thursday, 21st August is GCSE results day).

We also know that in every home, you will be guiding, cajoling and encouraging your child every day, so we want to point you towards some resources and support that will help. These are tried and tested, so the more you use them or the more you take from them, then the more effective and less stressful the next few months will be.

"My child is not following a plan" This is the single biggest concern that we hear from parents and carers. Therefore, we created a **Youtube Playlist - 7 steps to creating an effective timetable** ([click here](#)), which we urge you to sit and watch with your child. There are accompanying resources on Satchel One (dated Monday 3rd March).

Parent Webinar for GCSEPod: We pay for students to access GCSEPod - an interactive platform that is very rare in that it; covers nearly every subject, offers short videos of subject content and allows students to assess themselves. Students can simply [log in to GCSEPod here](#) and use their school account to gain access (Single sign-in). There is a **GCSEPod Parent Webinar on Wednesday, 27th February 2025 from 17:00 – 18:00 GMT**. [Register here](#) to attend, or receive the recorded version.

There are a host of other support **videos and resources** on our [Year 11 padlet](#) - please delve in and take a look.



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More support and guidance...

*Friday, 21st March - Mock exam results day. This is when our Year 11's receive their mock exams in a way that mirrors the summer. Please note that Teachers will give mock exam feedback far earlier.

*27th March (evening): Our final Year 11 Parent Forum at Hayes (Lots of advice about the summer exams). *An invite will follow.*

*[Support sessions](#) that students can attend.

*[Revision Schedules](#) which offer a host of the best revision activities by subject and tier.

*[Personal Learning Checklists](#) are used by students who want to make their revision more effective.

*Academic Mentoring continues as all students plot out their weekly implementation intentions, so that they can get into their revision routine.

We are really excited by how far this year group has come and so we wanted to thank you all for the care and guidance that you will have been giving every day and, whilst we know that this will continue over these next few challenging months, we don't take it for granted. We hope that you found the guidance above useful.

Yours sincerely

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