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CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear year 11 parents/carers,

As the summer examinations get closer for year 11, we would like to share some essential information which we hope will make the lead up to the exams and end of year more manageable.

Study and revision

We have reached the time where our year 11 students are required to begin to plan their revision for the summer examinations starting in May. To support students and parents/carers, the students received an assembly last week on revision and how best to go about preparing for the exams. They have also been directed to a Team named '**Year 11 Exams and Progress**' which is designed as a 'one stop shop' to get them started with revision. In the Team, there are several revision resources and information about the exams. Included are examples of revision timetables, resources to support recall and testing, generic mind maps, the presentations that we have given about how to revise and exam board information. There are also individual subject revision folders where our departments have included their own revision topic lists and specific subject revision resources.

In addition to the resources on Teams, some subject departments run regular, scheduled drop in or revision classes during lunch or after school. Please see the attached document for the current programme of additional sessions. For the lunchtime sessions, those year 11 students who attend can get lunch in the restaurant at 1.05 pm.

Please can I encourage parents to be actively engaged with the revision process, firstly by nudging your student to get started and use the site. It would also be useful to have a look through the PowerPoint presentations on how the students should revise and perhaps then be involved with testing them after their revision. (an essential part of the learning process).

Arrangements for the examination period

The summer exam series for year 11 commences on Monday 15th May and runs until Wednesday 28th June. This is a period that encompasses the final two weeks before May half term and most of the following 4 weeks. It is also important to note that the examination boards have three published exam contingency dates in case of postponement. These are 8th June, 15th June and 28th June. All students must be able to sit exams up to and including the contingency dates.

In advance of the examination period, Modern Language speaking tests will take place between the dates 19th - 26th April. Your child's language teacher or the Exams officer will inform them of their specific date and details.

Students will be expected in school as normal up until the half term holiday (Friday 26th May) and will either be in an exam, or their normal timetabled lessons. After this, from Monday June 5th, students will not attend normal lessons but will come in only for their scheduled exams. Students will normally be expected to leave the school site after their exam.

If students would like to stay in school to study before or after their examination, or, even if they do not have an exam on that day and want to study in school, they will be required to sign into a full morning or afternoon session and will be required to stay for that period. Mrs Kitching will manage the signing in process in the reception area. Morning sessions will begin at 8:45am until 1:30pm, afternoon sessions at 12:30pm – 3:35pm and there will always be an allocated study room with a member of staff. Students should sign in first and will then be able to have lunch in the restaurant if required. Students who finish an exam and would like to stay and study for the remainder of the day should go immediately Mrs Kitching to sign in. To confirm who is studying in school, we will send an email home to parents/carers to inform you that your student has arrived and is studying with us. If you do not receive an email, you can assume that your student is not in school, and we will do this as soon as possible after the start of each session.

To summarise use of the restaurant for lunch for year 11 after half term:

- If only coming into school for one exam – don't stay for lunch (packed lunches will be available for those on free school meals).
- If wanting to study in school – sign in with Mrs Kitching and stay for lunch.
- If wanting to have lunch because you have morning and afternoon exams – sign in with Mrs Kitching and stay for lunch.

If students would like a brief visit for example to ask a question to a member of staff, they must sign in and out at Reception in the normal way so that we are aware of who is in school for safeguarding purposes. Under no circumstances should students be in school without signing in as we must be able to account for everyone in school.

Can I also remind you to return the 'Candidate Statement of Entry' which needs to have a parental signature. This can be returned either directly to Mrs Mahoney, Exams Officer or via form teachers. All year 11 students will receive their individual exam timetables via form teachers this week (w/c 20th March).

Prom date

Once the exams are over, students will be able to look forward to the Year 11 Prom. The date for this event is Wednesday 28th June in Constance Green Hall. More details will be shared in due course.

If you have any queries or require further information, please get in touch,

Thank you,

Mr D Holdsworth
Assistant Head