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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Revision Support and March Assessments

You will be aware that earlier in the week the DfE, in conjunction with the Exam Boards, released information regarding the GCSE exams this summer. The information provided aims to support students in the run up to the exams by narrowing down the areas of the specification that will be assessed in the exams in May/June. Teachers will be providing students with a detailed breakdown of this information in their lessons and we will create a summary document that will be available in the Exams section of the school website and in Year 11 Tutor Google Classrooms.

### Revision Support

Over the next 3 school weeks Year 11 are encouraged to attend dedicated revision sessions for their subjects to support their preparations for the PPE exams (w/c 14 March) and ultimately their GCSEs in May. This has been put in place following the successful 'revision block' ahead of the November PPEs which were well attended and appreciated by students. The timetable can be found below:

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>w/c 14 Feb</b>	No session (whole staff meeting)	Science (Chem)	No Session (School Show)	Maths	English Lit
<b>w/c 28 Feb</b>		Science (Phys)	Option A	Option D	Option B
<b>w/c 7 March</b>	Option C	Science (Bio)	Maths	English Lang	No session

Sessions will run from 3.15-4.15pm in the normal teaching room (unless students are informed otherwise). Registers will be taken. Students should check with their options subject teachers which Option Block they are in.

On Wednesday, 16 February, Year 11 will have an extraordinary assembly to revisit key revision techniques and to offer some advice and support on managing their well-being during this undoubtedly stressful time. During this session each student will receive a guide that they can refer to in order to support them in creating a revision timetable and ideas for successful revision strategies. There is also a parent guide which accompanies the book which will be given to students at the same time. We are grateful to CESA for purchasing these books.

### March PPE Assessments

Year 11 students will sit a second round of PPE assessments w/c 14 March. Students will sit one paper for each of their subjects. Each paper will last no more than 1 hour. We feel it is important for students to sit a further round of formal assessments so both teachers and students have a clear understanding of areas to target in the final few weeks before the exams

start. The PPEs will be sat in the Main Hall (or Training Suite for certain students with agreed Access Arrangements) and will be completed following JCQ examination guidance. Mrs Reilly, Exams Officer, will re-share the key regulations closer to the time.

The timetable for these exams can be found below.

	Monday 14th March	Tuesday 15th March	Wednesday 16th March	Thursday 17th March	Friday 18th March
8:45 - 11:05	<b>Maths</b>	<b>English Literature</b>	<b>English Language</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>Option A</b>
	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour
					French
					Food
					D&T
					<b>Art to lesson</b>
11:05-13:05	<b>BREAK</b>				
11:35-12:35	<b>Biology</b>	<b>Option B</b>	<b>Physics</b>	<b>Option D</b>	<b>Option C</b>
	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour
		Computer Science		Geography	History
		History		Dance	Geography
				French	Drama
		<b>Photography and BTEC to lessons</b>		<b>BTEC to lesson</b>	<b>Youth Award to lesson</b>
13:25-14:05	<b>LUNCH</b>				
14:05-15:10	<b>Music</b>				
	1 hour				
		<b>Normal lesson</b>	<b>Normal lesson</b>	<b>Normal lesson</b>	<b>Normal lesson</b>

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support as we approach the 'final furlong' with Year 11. Maintaining focus and motivation for some students is always a challenge but we have been overwhelmingly impressed with how dedicated Year 11 have been to their studies. This has been exemplified just this week with the engagement in tutoring, the completion of BTEC coursework and the outstanding products made in the Food Tech exam.

Yours faithfully



Emma Bliss  
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