



Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11,

Re: Revision

As Year 11 enters this critical final phase before the GCSE examinations, we want to make sure that they are confident that they have access to all the revision materials they need and that they know exactly how best to approach these final few weeks of revision. There are only just over two school teaching weeks until the first full-cohort examination takes place, and it is imperative that they continue to engage fully with all revision opportunities they are given and that they get the most from the support and guidance provided to them by their subject teachers. Whilst the exam season can be a challenging time, knowing that they are organised and supported by both school and home, will help them keep a balanced outlook.

Revision Opportunities

The next few weeks represent the culmination of five years of secondary education for Year 11. Research consistently shows that their effort and engagement during this final period has a huge impact on their results. Many of you will have already been informed of the intervention groups run by core subjects during SDT and some selected lesson slots during the week. These targeted intervention sessions have been carefully designed to address specific areas where students need additional support. If your son or daughter has been given a place in one of these groups, sessions are not optional extras but essential components of our examination preparation strategy and they need to continue to attend, as these focused sessions often make the difference between grades. In addition, there are many lunchtime and after school revision sessions on offer. Attendance at these will always be beneficial and we would like to encourage students to make the most of these opportunities. I know many students attended revision sessions over the Easter holidays and that they are continuing to find the Thursday after school individual revision session useful.

Useful resources

- [Here](#) is the GCSE timetable. Students have also been given their own individual timetables.
- All students have been given a copy of the Gosford Hill School revision resources which they are using in SDT revision sessions and all resources they have been given are also on their Google Classroom.
- Students will all be filling in an individual revision timetable for these final weeks, with guidance from their tutor, but [here](#) is a blank copy in case they need a second version. [Here](#) are some useful tips for how best to organise revision in these last few weeks.



- Last term tutors went through some specific revision techniques with students and these were also linked in a letter home. It would be useful for students to refer to these again as they revise:
 - [Cornell Notes](#)
 - [Flash Cards](#)
 - [Knowledge Organisers](#)
 - [Mind Maps](#)
 - [Post-it Notes](#)
 - [Looking after yourself during GCSE revision](#)
- There is also a dedicated KS4 Revision section on the school website under the 'Curriculum' tab. This contains all the resources which have been made available to students throughout the year, but also additional useful resources and information.

Maintaining a balance

Students should remember that every bit of effort they put into their revision now will increase their success. They need to stay focused, but also take time to rest and recharge - balance is key. We hope that they will be able to believe in themselves, trust the process, and know that they will reap the rewards of consistent effort.

Support from home

Staff are working extremely hard to provide the best possible education and support for students, but we also value the support that you can provide. We would appreciate if you could:

- Ensure your child attends school every day, arriving punctually
- Support their attendance at all intervention sessions
- Help them to maintain a regular revision routine at home
- Maintain open communication with Form Tutors about any concerns
- Encourage a healthy balance between studies, rest, and recreation

You will receive another letter next week with more detailed information on the logistics of the exam period and there will also be an assembly for Year 11 students on Monday which will go into some exam information in more depth.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require any further information.

Kind regards,

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