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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Easter Update

Thank you for all your ongoing support, particularly during the recent Mock 2 assessments. The students coped brilliantly with their core mock exams in the hall, and have completed assessments in other subjects in the weeks since during normal lessons. We should also acknowledge that some subjects have already completed controlled assessments, final performances and coursework, and are in the final weeks of preparation for practical examinations. It has been a busy time for Year 11.

The exam period starts in earnest **week commencing 6th May 2024**, with the first exam affecting the whole cohort on Tuesday 7th May (Biology Paper 1). Students should therefore be planning their time from now on to ensure they are fully prepared.

To this end, Year 11 will be taken off timetable for our final Ignite Day of the year on Tuesday 26th March. This day will be focussed on subject specific revision, with an opportunity for students to finalise coursework where needed.

Easter Revision Sessions

Many subjects are providing Easter Revision sessions. These will run from **Tuesday 2nd April to Monday 9th April**. A timetable can be found at this link: [Year 11 Easter Revision Sessions](#). Students can just turn up, but will need to sign in and out at the Main Reception so we know who is in school in case of an emergency. You were sent a Google Form on Friday 15th March to record expressions of interest so that we can get an idea of numbers of students who may be attending. Don't worry if you have not completed it, your daughter can still attend the sessions. Most sessions will be held at Upper Oldfield Park with the exception of Textiles. There will be no food available on site during this time. We advise a packed lunch but if this is not possible, students will be allowed off site at lunch time to buy food.

Exam Board Timetables

A timetable of exams in date order can be found at this link: [Year 11 Exam Timetable](#). These provide an indication of the order of subjects and papers. We will be issuing students with personalised timetables after Easter once the tiers of entry for all students



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have been finalised, and we can assign students to seats in our exam spaces. Some students may find they have an exam clash and these will be resolved on the personalised timetables.

After Easter, students will also receive a timetable outlining when revision sessions and exam briefings will take place in school. Please note that there is no study leave; students are expected to attend revision sessions, pre-exam briefings, and lessons in between up until May half term. After half term, students will be expected in school for any lessons they have where they still have an exam to sit, for the revision sessions associated with their remaining exams, and for pre-exam briefings.

Accessing Resources

May we also take this opportunity to remind you that students can access revision resources for every subject on Google Classroom. There are personalised learning checklists (PLCs), specifications, past papers and practice exam questions as well as links to useful subject specific websites. All this information can also be found on the Year 11 GCSE Support page of our website [here](#). In addition, her subject teachers will have set up Google Classrooms – a one-stop shop for all things revision. Please ask your daughter to show you the resources available to her on these.

Wellbeing Support

Some students, and parents, find the exam season particularly stressful. Helpful resources to support students and parents can be found at the bottom of our GCSE Academic Support page of our website [here](#). [YoungMinds](#) is one particularly good website providing tips on how to revise and stay mentally healthy throughout exam season <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/>. The Year 11 Hayesfield Pastoral Team, Dr Sheppard and Mrs Ross, are also available to support and can be contacted by email on information@hayesfield.com.

Prom, Hoodie and Yearbook Reminder

It is always good to have something fun to look forward to during the exam season. Tickets to the Year 11 Prom will be on sale soon on ParentPay. The Prom will take place at Bath Racecourse on **Friday 21st June**.

Yearbooks and Hoodies can now be ordered too. To place an order, please visit the following website: <https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk>. Our School Unique ID is: 25659YR11. The deadline to order either or both of these items is **Sunday 7th April 2024**. We will not be able to order additional yearbooks or hoodies on behalf of students after this date, so please make sure you order now.



We know that the exam period can feel stressful for students and parents. However, together we can ensure your children will be well prepared; we are all here to help them make the most of the remaining time so they are completely ready to perform at their best.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via information@hayesfield.com.

Yours sincerely



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