

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of the final set of Year 13 trial examinations, we look forward to the final four weeks after Easter, before the start of the A-Level exam series.

To further support your child, there are some key reminders and additional information below that will hopefully answer any questions you may have.

### Additional Revision Sessions

As part of our Year 13 support, the subjects below are holding additional revision and intervention sessions. We strongly recommend that students attend as many of these as possible to gain additional support for their subjects.

Subject	When	Details
Art and Photography	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday sessions with MGT. Extra opportunities to work on personal studies and use the Art and Photography facilities
Business Studies	Tuesdays 3.00-4.00pm Wednesdays 3.00-4.00pm	Themes 2 and 3 with HDO Themes 1 and 4 with IJA
Chemistry	Mondays lesson 4 (1.00-2.00pm)	Extra weekly lesson for revision, support and PAG completion
Computer Science	Mondays 3.00-4.00pm	Computer Science Paper 2 with LFE
Geography	Tuesdays 3.00-4.00pm	Room H4
History	Fridays 3.00 – 4.00pm	Alternative weeks with HQ. Please check with HQ for details
Maths	Wednesdays 3.00-4.00pm	
Physics	Tuesdays 3.00-4.00pm	Room S8
Product Design	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday sessions to work on NEA With GDB and SF With NE
Psychology	Fridays 3.00 – 4.00pm	Alternative weeks with HQ. Please check with HQ for details
Sociology	Wednesdays 3.00-4.00pm	Room L5 with JBA

## Leavers Event

We will be holding our Year 13 Leavers Event on the afternoon of **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. We will be sharing the details of this event with students shortly.

## Exam Period

The A Level exam period begins on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May**, and runs until **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. The May half-term falls in the middle of this period, week commencing **29<sup>th</sup> May**. The exam contingency date has been set as **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**, so it is advisable that students keep this date clear, in case one of their exams needs to be rearranged to this date for any reason.

## A Level Results Day

A Level Results will be available on the morning of **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August**. We will share further details about the timings of the day closer to the time, along with further details of what you need to do if your child is unable to collect their results in person. If your child has applied to university, it is useful if they can be here on results day, so that we are able to support and advise them as necessary.

We are aware that the lead up to the exam period can be a stressful time for both the student and their parents! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any help or advice about supporting your child through this time. A useful starting point to support your child with their revision is to follow the '40 Hours' guide on the following page.

I look forward to celebrating their successes with you in August.

Yours sincerely



Kerrie Jones

Head of Sixth Form

# Easter Revision

## How to Complete 40 Hours of Revision this Easter

(and still have days off, sleep in and go out)

- Select ten working days for the holiday
- Each working day has three possible two hour sessions:
  - 10 am to 12 noon
  - 2 pm to 4 pm
  - 6 pm to 8 pm
- On each of your ten working days, select two work sessions – according to your other plans

## There are three golden rules

### Plan to complete very specific tasks

**Work without distraction – no phone, no Netflix, no TikTok**

**Do not cheat – work when you plan to work**

**For most subjects, sit and read is not good enough**

- Re-write sections of inadequate notes
- Reduce notes to side headings and essential detail
- Use colour to highlight key points
- Share notes / essays and teach a friend
- Check marked work for advice
- Make mind maps
- Make key word lists
- Ask someone to test you on key words
- Make PowerPoint presentations you can sit back and watch
- Past paper question – no notes, then mark
- Past paper questions with notes – mark scheme detail
- Write essay plans outlining structure and key content
- Arrange with a friend to teach each other specific topics
- Make posters for key facts and formulae
- Make a post it note time line or story line – put it up around your room
- Make a note of things to check when you are back in lessons