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Dear Parent / Guardian

We are now on the countdown to the Year 11 summer exams. This year's GCSE exams start on 16 May 2022. This means that, as of now, we have approximately 7 months before the first exam. Therefore, I want to communicate with you each half term informing you of what the Year 11 cohort has coming up, helpful exam information and some revision strategies that you might explore at home.

This half term the year group have had a Year 11 information evening online, a study skills PSHCE session (information can be found on class charts) and have worked on study skills with an outside organisation Elevate. Year 11 are also able to stay after school on a Tuesday and Thursday in their own area with access to computers and printers in order to help with revision and homework.

Coming Up

Next half term Year 11 will take part in mock exams. They begin the week of 29 November and will last for 6 days. Each Year 11 pupil will receive their own individual exam timetable as well as a wall planner to help aid their planning for their mocks. Each subject has their own Google Classrooms where additional resources are uploaded to aid Year 11 revision. Please ensure your child knows their Google Classrooms for all subjects.

Exam tip of the week: Have you looked on the exam board websites? They offer past papers for students to try out and contain both parent and pupil guidance and advice.

Revision strategy focus

Each Year 11 student should have a revision timetable. It is a good idea to have several copies of this around the house so you can check that they are revising what is on the timetable and supervise the length of time they are revising for. Remember, hours and hours in one go will not be beneficial, pupils need to revise in chunks (30-40 minutes) and have a break then go back to the revision. More than one subject can be revised per night. I would also advise removing phones / social media at this time, so that they can concentrate fully on their revision.

Something to look forward to

In a change to a previously advertised date, the Year 11 Prom will be held on the evening of **Tuesday 5 July 2022** at the Isla Gladstone Conservatory in Anfield. It will be a great evening of celebration and I look forward to seeing all the pupils there.

Have a great week during half term, relax and have some fun but revise as well. I will be in touch again next half term with further updates

Yours sincerely

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