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Year 11 – Preparation for GCSE Examinations

Dear Y11 Parent/Carer

As we approach the Easter break, our focus for Year 11 pupils is on their readiness for GCSE examinations.

The key to examination success is thorough preparation. Apart from helping your son with the answers to the questions, it will help to build his confidence, reduce examination stress and give him a level of control over the coming months.

By now, he should already have a revision timetable and a regular work routine, balanced with time for sports, pastimes, friends and family. However, if that is not the case, the Easter break is a golden opportunity to establish and embed one.

He already has access to a wealth of revision resources including the VLE, PiXL, Hegarty Maths, Kerboodle and of course the revision books that he has been using throughout KS4.

<https://www.westhillschool.co.uk/parents/final-year-at-west-hill>

In his lessons this week, members of staff will be directing him to specific topics that he should be revisiting over the Easter break.

The examination boards have published details of which topics will be assessed in each subject area. This information has already been shared with him and should drive the majority of his revision.

When we return after the Easter break, there are only 14 school days until the written GCSE examinations begin. Your son has already been issued with an individual timetable outlining his commitments. Lessons will continue to be delivered in all lessons until the exam in that subject has been sat and it is important that he attends these.

He should attend school full time until **Monday 13th June**, after which he will only need to attend those lessons in which he has not yet sat the exam. For example, after the final maths exam, he will no longer need to attend maths lessons. However, if he chooses to remain in school, classrooms will continue to be available for independent study. A reminder that all pupils need to be available until **June 29th** in case an exam is rescheduled due to COVID. The full exam timetable can be found at

<https://www.westhillschool.co.uk/examinations/timetables>

We rely on the support of all parents to encourage him to take responsibility for his own studies and to take advantage of all the support on offer. If there are issues with elements of the revision, he must approach his subject teacher. However, if the issues relate to anxiety or stress, the next step would be to approach his form tutor or his Head of Year. We are committed to helping him in any way we can.

The GCSE's are the culmination of five years as a West Hill pupil. Our dreams for him are the same in these last few months as they were on the first day of school – to watch him grow and mature into a happy, respectful and successful young man, ready to take his place in the world.

Yours sincerely

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