



20th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to invite you to our **Year 11 and Year 13 Exam Preparation and Support Evening** on **Wednesday, 26th March at 5:00 pm**. This is a key opportunity to access practical guidance and support as your child prepares for their summer exams.

Our Response to Your Feedback

We recently sought feedback from parents and carers about the type of support you would find most helpful. Your responses have shaped the structure of this evening to ensure it meets the needs of both students and families. More than half of respondents indicated that they would value:

- ✓ A **subject-specific guidance** focused on securing a particular grade.
- ✓ More **general guidance** on:
 - How to create an effective revision timetable and which strategies have the most impact.
 - How to support your child's revision at home.
 - How to motivate your child and help them maintain momentum.
 - Advice on managing stress and handling difficult moments during exam season.

Format of the Evening

In response to this feedback, the evening will focus on the areas where parents feel they need the most support:

1. **Main Presentation** – We will begin with a structured presentation covering:
 - Effective revision strategies – How to create a revision timetable and which strategies are proven to work.
 - Supporting your child's revision – What effective revision looks like and how to encourage it.
 - Motivation – How to help your child get started and keep going.
2. **Optional Additional Session** – After the main presentation, there will be an optional session on:
 - **Managing anxiety** – How to help your child stay calm and focused during exam season.

Subject-Specific Support

To ensure students receive the most targeted and effective subject-specific guidance, we are also producing a set of **2-page revision guides** for each subject. These guides will cover:

- **GCSE:** Securing a **Grade 4** and securing a **Grade 7 or above**.
- **A-Level:** Securing a **Grade C** and securing an **A/A***.

Each guide will include:

- Key content and resources (including links to specifications and past papers).
- Common misconceptions and how to avoid them.
- Suggested timings and structure for exam questions.
- Annotated model answers to demonstrate successful approaches.
- Self-assessment guidance and recommended revision resources (including YouTube clips, podcasts, and wider reading).

These resources will be made available on the school website and signposted to students through assemblies and tutor sessions. They will also be referenced during the evening itself.

Why This Evening Matters

We know that preparing for exams can feel daunting for both students and parents. This evening is designed to offer practical, evidence-based advice to help your child approach their exams with confidence. By combining general revision strategies with targeted subject-specific guidance, we hope to provide you with the tools to support your child effectively over the coming months.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers of Year 11 and Year 13 students to attend. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you on the evening.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Toop' followed by 'L. Watts' with a large, sweeping underline.

Rick Toop and Leonie Watts

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