



February 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

There are several subjects offering revision sessions over the half term holiday. Please see the programme below. The timings for the sessions are listed below and students must sign in upon entry to school and only go to the designated areas that are being used by their subjects. Students should also sign out when they leave.

	Morning 10:00am – 12:00pm	Afternoon 12:30pm – 3:30pm
Monday	History in the hall	Geography in the hall
Tuesday	Music in D Block	
Wednesday	Science in the hall	
Thursday	Maths in the hall	
Friday	Art in E Block 10:00am – 2:00pm	

We would encourage all students who have been targeted by their teachers to attend where possible, as the revision will be targeted at key skills and content and will support any independent work completed at home. It is important that your child makes the most of their half term week, as any revision completed now will ease the pressure as we approach the real examinations beginning in May. I am aware that students may be feeling apprehensive and a good way to cope with this is to ensure a clear revision plan is in place. All students should have a personalised learning check list from each subject they study that will guide them to what content needs to be covered. Please ask your child whether they have a good understanding of subject content as this is a crucial starting point for them.

I highly recommend that you devise a revision plan with your child, so there are clear opportunities for work and relaxation. The best time for teenagers to revise is between 10am and 8pm and the golden rule is for each session to last up to 30 minutes, with a small break of 5-10 minutes and a quick test of what was just revised before moving on to a new topic/subject. In school we have provided blank revision time tables to support with this and to factor in time for rest.

I also attach my power point on preparation for the trial examinations after half term. There are several simple tips I shared with students to help them keep it simple but as "smart" as possible.

I will write to you after half term to update you on additional revision sessions, which will take place on Saturdays and during the Easter and May half term holidays.

Best wishes

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