

22 May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSEs continued

We are pleased with the effort and determination being shown by Year 11 students this month, doing so many exam papers in different subjects. Most students are well prepared for personal revision. They do this early in the mornings and during subject lessons where the exams/portfolios/coursework are finished. I encourage all students to use paper resources like notes, revision cards and guides. This helps avoid the temptations of browsing other apps that many of us have on our mobile phones. At MRC we teach students here rather than sending them home on "study leave". Experience has proved to us that students' grades are higher when they revise in school with subject specialists.

After the half-term week, we expect all Year 11 students in school every day until after our celebration lunch and assembly together on Wednesday 12 June.

The marks available in the papers held later in the exam season are just as important as the marks students are gaining in exams right now. It can be tempting to become relaxed about the exams as the novelty wears off a little. Please help your son/daughter check through their schedule and pace their revision right up to the end of the exams. With a half-term week coming up, we give the same advice to students and their families as usual. Plan for some fun and relaxation but fit in a good amount of revision too. Look at the order of the subject exams in June to work out a revision schedule. Revision can be narrowed down a little as several subjects' exams are finished. Exams in June include maths, English, MFL, science, business, history, geography, music, hospitality and product design, so there is still a lot of work to do. Younger students have a week's break and return to school until the end of term on 19 July, but Year 11s must postpone that break for a few weeks until their last exam is over. Once students finish their GCSEs, a long summer stretches in front of them and this is the time to relax, travel or gain some work experience.

Invitations will be sent separately to revision workshops in College between 27 and 31 May. Do contact Mrs Silverthorne or me about any queries you have regarding academic or welfare issues. Attached is a table showing suggested revision for Year 11 students relating to the June exams. Please also use the attached revision planner to help your child to include time next week for relaxation and revision.

Yours sincerely

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Subject	Work Set					
English (NPs)	English Language paper 2 practice papers and questions will be put on arbor by English teachers					
Maths (JLe)	Paper 2 Predicated Paper – printed and given out before half-term. Will also be attached in Arbor for absentees.					
Science (KNs)	Science Complete 2 hours of Sparx Science as set per homework. See Arbor for revision links: There will be a link to eFocus Learning, a website to practice all the required practicals and the skills involved for each. There is also a link to exam question practice to learn common questions and the correct response.					
Spanish	 Listening and Reading tasks for exam practice will be set on Arbor – at least one hour Revise the very important verbs for the upcoming writing exam. 					
History	 Complete at least 2 hours of SENECA/revision using the Pearson revision guides for each of the three remaining units: Early Elizabethan England, Weimar & Nazi Germany & Superpower relations & The Cold War. Focus on your weaker content areas Create flashcards or a timeline of the Cold War for each event consider its long term and short-term impacts on Cold War development & USSR/USA relations. 					
Geography	 Question a day Work book (attached) for Paper 2 Paper 2 CGP Workbook for Content Revision.docx Sheet of Possible Paper 2 questions 					
Business Studies	Paper 2 – Finance & Marketing. Exam questions will be set on SENECA					
Product Design	Complete Seneca tasks set on Arbor.					
Food Tech	Unit 1 HC 2023 Past paper will be put on Arbor. along with support links. Students should answer all questions, using the information from the links provided to create flashcards/ mind maps to help them respond.					
Music	Set works: Use focus on sound to revise the areas of study and set works: Focus On Sound Listen to Mozart Clarinet concerto movt 3. Watch: https://youtu.be/IMBIf51JZ7U PP on arbor for LSOH as well. Create revision cards, mind maps for set works. Listening: Aural and elements Good for listening Q's: LSO A-Level Revision Shorts - YouTube Create flashcards for DR SMITH so you are absolutely secure with the vocab, also some good revision for elements here: GCSE Music - AQA - BBC Bitesize Complete 2018 paper — Tracks have been emailed, collect a paper from music. Practice identifying cadences and intervals. Interval Song - Django Bates (youtube.com) Cadences Quiz (youtube.com) Italian terms for tempo: Hey! Ho! What's the tempo? (youtube.com)					
Creative iMedia	'KnowItAllNinja' also use your Clear Revise book and at the end of each section there are Examination Practice task.					

Times	8.00am- 10.00am	10.00am- 12.00pm	12.00pm- 2.00pm	2.00pm- 4.00pm	4.00pm- 6.00pm	6.00pm- 8.00pm	8.00pm- 10.00pm
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