

Dear parent/carer,

Following the issuing of the Year 10 reports, a number of parents have asked for some guidance on what work students can be completing over the summer holidays. Most of these requests have been made by parents who feel that their child has not achieved their full potential at the end of Year 10.

As a school, we fully understand that students need a holiday to rest and relax so that they can return to school in September ready and fully focussed for year ahead. However, we also recognise that it is a significant period of time and can be an ideal opportunity for Year 10 students to revise the material taught on the first year of their GCSE. The first Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) take place from the 18-29 November, so it will certainly benefit students to revise what they have covered in Year 10.

I have included some guidance on 8 effective revision strategies that you can use to support your child in completing any revision during the summer holiday. Students also have access to a revision website called GCSEPod. This can be accessed via a link on the school website or by going directly to www.gcsepod.com. If your child follows the log in instructions after selecting "I'm new here, getting started", they will be able to access revision materials for the courses they study.

I hope you find this information useful. Your child's class teachers will have used and taught a number of the strategies contained on the list, so your child should be familiar with some of the techniques. We will also run sessions on "how to revise" in the Autumn term with Year 11.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to welcoming the new Year 11s back in September.

Yours sincerely,



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