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Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

Year 11 Trial Examinations Week and Revision Information

Following on from last night's Year 11 Parents' Evening, I am writing to confirm arrangements for the additional **trial examinations week beginning 7th March**; please see the **attached examination timetable**.

The week will provide students with further practice for their final GCSE examinations, and help staff to identify any specific areas where individuals, and the year group as a whole, can be given additional help. We also hope that it will strongly encourage students to undertake revision tasks early and plan ahead towards their GCSE examinations.

Year 11 are very fortunate to have the benefit of the online programme, **Impress the Examiner**, which provides 20 weeks of structured, bespoke, interactive revision and examination technique sessions to support students with their English Language, Maths and Science courses, alongside the additional revision time provided by teaching staff; please see the **attached revision programme timetable**.

We know that attendance at these sessions will make a positive difference to outcomes and that starting a revision programme early really builds confidence; with so much material to cover, it is imperative that students identify key subjects and commit themselves to undertaking a steady programme of revision now, and not leave it until after Easter.

As you are aware, **some of the webinar sessions are beginning at 3.30pm**, straight after school; English on Monday, Science on Tuesday and Maths on Wednesday. Therefore, we have **set aside the LRC, with supervision**, so that the students can undertake these webinars in a comfortable environment with a drink and snacks provided.

Please do remember that that all webinars will be available to re-watch, should students miss any sessions, with bespoke timetables found at <https://online.impress.education>

We also recommend that students use the many resources available through Office365 via their school email accounts. These include numerous past papers, revision material and tailored resources for particular classes. **SenecaLearning.com** is great source of excellent revision information and incisive questions to test student understanding, whilst **BBC Bitesize** is also a rich source for revision.

We are very aware that the next four months can be a real challenge for students, and their parents, and that we all need to encourage a healthy work-life balance to ensure student success in their final examinations.

Regular exercise and relaxation, healthy eating and stable sleeping patterns can all help to ensure that students are able to do their best, and the benefits of the removal of social media distractions and screen time an hour before bed has been scientifically proven.

However, if students undertake regular revision each evening, using a revision planner and all the skills they have developed with Learning Performance, they should start to feel more confident about themselves and their examinations.

The school website, under Curriculum Information, has a great deal of useful exam information, links and subject guidance that you will find helpful: [Exams - Information and Useful Links | Beaminster School | Beaminster](#)

As always, should you have any concerns about your child please do contact their Tutor so that we can help.

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