

20 October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware our first week of internal assessment exams, for Year 11 and Year 13, will take place during week commencing 7 November, for all subjects that your child studies. Year 11 are expected to attend school as normal. Year 13 are only expected to be in school for their exams but may use the Sixth Form facilities if they wish to study in school. If this is the case students will need to sign in and out of school using their ID cards.

In preparation for these exams, we have been discussing with students the best ways to revise in each subject. Year 11 have been looking at study skills in aspire lessons and both year groups have been shown links, on the school website, which contain video links supporting students in their revision. This section of the website is under curriculum and revision and can be reached by clicking here.

On Tuesday 18 October all Year 11 and Year 13 students took part in a seminar from a company called Elevate, which school is working with. The seminar was called "Ace Your Exams" and is designed to give students the skills and confidence that they need to excel in their exams. The seminar covered topics such as time allocation in exams, best ways to prepare and techniques to manage the stress and time pressure in exams.

We will be delivering lessons that reinforce techniques taught in the seminar, during PSHE or aspire lessons over the coming months. All students now have access to the Elevate website where they can find resources to help them with their revision. Students were given the address at the seminar but if you wish to look at the site, then it can be found by clicking on this <u>link</u> and the password has been e-mailed home to parents. prompted.

There is also a parent section of the website that can be accessed by clicking this <u>link</u>. This section of the Elevate website includes advice and guidance on how you can support your child during their studies and their preparation for the exams. In the parent resources section, there are <u>webinars</u> that you can register for. I have attached a copy of the schedule of these webinars but should you miss any, they are also available to watch as recordings <u>here</u>.

All these links will be on the revision section of the school website shortly.

Attached to this communication is the Elevate Parent Guidebook that has more information on how to support your child with practical help and suggestions.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information above, then please contact school.

Yours sincerely

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