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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Easter break, I want to take a moment to recognise the effort and dedication the students have shown in preparing for their upcoming GCSE exams. This is an important time for them to rest and recharge, but also a valuable opportunity to continue revising in a way that feels manageable and effective.

Your child will soon receive their most recent Pre-Public Examination (PPE) results which will give them a clear picture of their progress so far. These results can help guide their revision over the coming weeks, and I encourage you to talk with them about what's going well and where they might need extra support.

To help with this, I wanted to remind you of some useful revision resources and techniques that can make studying more effective and less overwhelming.

Helpful Revision Websites:

- **BBC Bitesize** – clear explanations, videos, and quizzes: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
- **Seneca Learning** – interactive, engaging revision courses: www.senecalearning.com
- **GCSE Pod** – short, subject-specific revision videos: www.gcsepod.com
- **Maths Genie** – step-by-step maths practice and past papers: www.mathsgenie.co.uk
- **Physics & Maths Tutor** – great for science, maths, and humanities: www.physicsandmathstutor.com
- **Sam Learning** – use your school Google account to log in. AI generated revision with instant feedback: www.samlearning.com
- **Sparx Maths** – AI generated maths questions: www.sparxmaths.com
- **Collins Flashcards** – premade PDF flashcards for GCSE subjects: www.collins.co.uk/pages/revision-gcse-ages-14-16-collins-gcse-revision-and-practice-flashcards

We also have knowledge organisers for many subjects in the faculties area of the [school website](#) (scroll down to the bottom of the relevant subject page and click on the Knowledge Organisers drop down to access the information).

Simple but Effective Revision Techniques:

- **Active recall** – students test themselves on key topics rather than just reading notes.
- **Past papers and mark schemes** – a great way to get familiar with exam-style questions.
- **Pomodoro technique** – short study sessions (25 minutes) with breaks to keep focus high.
- **Mind maps and flashcards** – making revision more visual and interactive.
- **Teaching someone else** – a great way to check their understanding of a topic.

I have also compiled all of the weekly revision tips that I sent out so that you have them all to hand.



I completely understand that this can feel like a pressured time, so I encourage students to take a balanced approach—scheduling time for revision while also making space for rest and enjoyment. If you or your child need any additional guidance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



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