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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: GCE Examination Preparation and Support

As we approach a critical and pivotal time in your son's/daughter's education, it is of utmost importance that our Year 14/13 students engage in active revision at home and consistently complete past examination papers. Establishing a structured routine is essential to their success; therefore, we encourage you to create an environment that minimises distractions, including limiting time spent on non-academic activities. This focused approach will greatly contribute to their ability to achieve the results they are capable of in the upcoming summer examinations.

Throughout the past academic year, we have offered a range of support initiatives designed to enhance student preparedness for their exams. This includes HIP Psychology workshops, in-house Revision Revolution sessions, and VESPA (vision, effort, systems, practice and attitude) assemblies that promote vital study skills and resilience. Additionally, our ongoing support classes (as detailed in the attachment) provide tailored assistance addressing individual student needs. We have also introduced a Saturday study school programme, details of which have been provided in a separate letter sent to you.

Furthermore, we would like to highlight the importance of our upcoming Academic Review Days, scheduled for the week beginning 24 February. During these days, all sixth form students, along with their parents, will have the opportunity to participate in a thorough review of academic progress. This collaborative approach will allow us to identify strengths and areas for improvement, ensuring that every student is on the right track to success. You will receive additional communication soon regarding scheduling your appointment for this important event.

Based on the feedback we received from the pre-public examinations (mock exams), it has become evident that pupils perform better when equipped with the appropriate stationary. Therefore, we kindly also ask that you ensure your child is adequately prepared with **black pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, and a functioning calculator** for the upcoming GCE examination series and during their time at school.

We deeply value your partnership in your son's/daughter's academic journey, and we are here to offer unwavering support. Together, we can provide the necessary conditions to help them fulfil their potential and achieve their desired qualifications this summer.

Yours sincerely,

S J Haughey
Senior Teacher- Performance & Standards

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How to make your home a revision-friendly environment

Their own study space



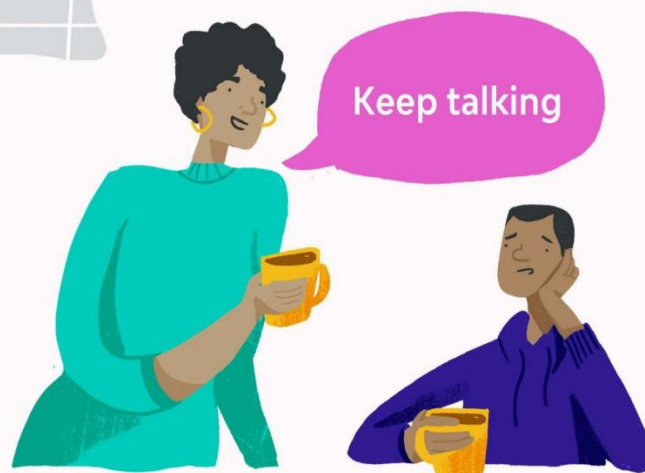
Adjust their tech

Because it's really distracting!

Use do not disturb mode; no desktop notifications (if they're using computer for revision; study without phone)



Encourage breaks



Teen & parents - so teen can voice their feelings & worries about anything & you, the parent, can help & comfort them

MyTutor

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Year 14 Revision/Support Classes



Lunchtime				After school		
Day	Subject/Class	Room	Start & End date	Subject/Class	Room	Start & end date
Mon				Art and Design	Mrs Kerr's	September - June
				A Level PE NEA coaching/official	Astro turf pitch	September to March
				Technology and Design	Man 2	September – March
Tues				Technology and Design	Man 2	September – March
				Biology	Lab 1	Feb- May
Wed	Religion	F31	Timed Essay practice Jan-May	Technology and Design	Man 2	September – March
				Mathematics	F40	October- June
Thurs						

Please note more Revision/Support sessions will be in place closer to the pupil's examinations.

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Year 13 Revision/Support Classes



Lunchtime				After school		
Day	Subject/Class	Room	Start & End date	Subject/Class	Room	Start & end date
Mon	Technology and Design	Man 2	September – March	Art and Design	Mrs Kerr's	September-June
				A Level PE NEA coaching/official	Pitches / Hall	September to March
				Technology and Design	Man 2	September – March
Tues				Technology and Design	Man 2	September – March
Wed	Biology Support	lab 1	Feb-May	Technology and Design	Man 2	September – March
				A Level PE NEA coaching/official	Pitches	September to March
	Religion- Timed essay practice	F31	Jan-May			
Thurs				A Level PE NEA coaching/official	Pitches	September to March

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