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Dear Parents of Year 11 Students,

As we approach the final run-in towards examinations, I am writing to let you know about some of the support that will be in place for Year 11 students.

## GCSE Pod

We have subscribed to the GCSE Pod service to give your child access to over 4,000 teacher-written, audio-visual pods which have been produced specifically for learning, homework and revision. The GCSE Pod website can be viewed on mobiles, tablets and PCs and the Pods can be downloaded for offline viewing. The Pods are mapped to the curriculum and students can access pre-set exam playlists which collate all the Pods relevant to a specific exam into a neatly organised list.

All students have been registered with the GCSE Pod site and can access the podcasts by visiting [www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com).

For more ways in which you can help to support your child using GCSE Pod, visit [www.gcsepod.com/parents](http://www.gcsepod.com/parents) where you will find lots more information and resources.

## Revision Sessions

A comprehensive programme of Year 11 revision sessions will take place across departments at lunchtimes and after school. Details of this programme will be published after the half term holiday and sessions will begin shortly after that. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions wherever possible.

## Revision Skills Session

During the morning of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, the day of the Year 11 Progress Reviews, an external organisation called Learning Performance will be delivering a two hour study skills session to all Year 11 students in order to support the process of effective revision. There will also be an evening presentation for parents in the main hall at 6:00pm that day, further details of which will be sent home shortly.

## Mock Examinations and Past Paper Questions

Past paper questions will be made available to students across all subject areas and these form a crucial part of students' preparation for the final examinations.

All Year 11 students will also sit three additional mock examinations within the core subjects of English and Maths at the following times:

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March Maths Calculator Examination  
08:40-10:25 Students in Athena and Apollo  
11:05-12:50 Students in Atlas and Artemis
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March English Literature Exploring Modern Texts Examination  
10:00-11:30

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April Maths Non-Calculator Examination  
13:45-15:30

Whereas in the vast majority of GCSE subjects a significant proportion of the final grade is made up of marks from controlled assessments, the final grade in Maths is determined exclusively by the results of the two examinations. It is important, therefore, that we offer students as much support as possible in practising these papers.

Students did not sit the English Literature Exploring Modern Texts examination during the autumn term mock examination cycle, since too little of the relevant parts of the course had been covered at that stage. It is, therefore, important that students are given an opportunity to attempt the paper before the final examination and this will allow them to do so.

The next few months will obviously play an important part in shaping your child's future. As ever, we appreciate your support in encouraging him/her to make the most of the resources available.

Yours faithfully

Mr T Johnson  
Deputy Headteacher