



30 March 2017

Dear Year 11-13 Parents

### **Examination Study, Revision Arrangements and Easter Revision Classes**

I am writing to you to outline the examination revision and study arrangements in Term 3 for our Year 11-13 students.

An e-copy of the examination timetable has already been sent home, is available on the school website and all students have been given a paper copy. They have begun to work on revision plans and timetables in their subject areas and through their PSHCE lessons.

We will not be having examination study leave at Webber again this year. The feedback we have had from staff, parents and students in previous years has been overwhelmingly positive and there is no doubt that attendance at school where students have a focused environment in which to work with the support of their teachers is a key factor in the achievement of excellent GCSE and A-Level results. Students will continue with their normal timetabled lessons following structured and guided revision programmes with their subject staff.

The reasoning behind this decision is that we feel that the best place for the students to study is at School in the subject classes with their teachers where they will get the best subject study support:-

- Teacher led Unit and Topic Review
- Creating a Revision Toolkit including a variety of study methods to fit different learning styles e.g. mind maps, condensed revision notes, key vocabulary lists, flashcards etc.
- Back-filling any gaps in understanding or in class notes and resources
- Past paper practise in timed examination conditions working on examination technique: question styles, question de-coding / mark allocation etc.
- Past paper marking working with examiners' mark schemes and diagnostic gap analysis to highlight areas that may need more revision focus
- Immediate access to subject staff for marking, feedback and help should students 'get stuck' or need additional support
- Ideal answers and additional revision notes
- Access to booster classes

Students will continue to revise with staff right up to the date of the examination in their subject. Once the examination has been completed in that subject then students can use this time in the lesson with staff supervision to focus on their independent revision for their next examination subject and so on until their last examination has been taken.

This maximizes the study time available and keeps the students in a good daily working routine away from the distractions of home where students cannot always be closely supervised and cannot readily access specialist teacher help and resources should they need it.

This is a system that we have seen work very well in the past with excellent results in driving up examination outcomes for the students. Having the students in school also allows for a calm and controlled daily start to the external examinations, ensuring that they are on time, fully equipped and in an optimum state to do their best.

### **Key Dates**

<b>Sports day</b>	<b>23 June 2017</b>
<b>Book return &amp; internal social event / sports afternoon</b>	<b>30 June 2017</b>
<b>Year 11-13 Prom</b>	<b>30 June 2017</b>
<b>Senior Awards Ceremony</b>	<b>6 July 2017</b>
<b>GCSE Results Day</b>	<b>24 August 2017 (09:00-12:00)</b>
<b>A-Level Results Day</b>	<b>17 August 2017 (09:00-12:00)</b>

Once Year 11 and 13 students have completed their final examination they are no longer required to attend school. There will be days set aside for the return of textbooks and materials and to complete the leaving paperwork process.

We will also set aside days when the Year 11 students who will be moving on to their AS courses at Webber will come in to work with their AS subject teachers to receive their course outlines, reading lists and assignments to be completed over the summer to get them off to a flying start with their Year 12 work and best prepare them for the challenging step up to the rigorous A level programmes.

The current Year 12 students who have AS exams will start the work on their full A-Level modules as soon as they have completed their AS examinations, again to allow them a head start and to get their teeth into the A-Level units and to allocate reading and assignments for the holiday period. The summer term for Year 12 students will end at the same time as the rest of the school, on Thursday 13 July 2017.

### **Easter Revision Classes**

Over the coming Easter holiday there will be revision sessions taking place in school for a number of subjects. These revision opportunities are outlined below. When attending these sessions students do not need to wear school uniform but must be dressed appropriately. The kitchen will not be open during the holiday therefore students will need to bring in a packed lunch and any snacks for the day.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Groups</b>
Thursday 6 April	Spanish	09:00 – 15:00	11
Friday 7 April	Mathematics	09:00 – 11:00	11, 12, 13
Friday 7 April	Business Studies	11:20 – 15:30	11
Thursday 20 April	Physics	09:00 – 15:00	11, 12, 13
Friday 21 April	English	09:30 – 15:00	11



### Booster Classes

Please note that during Term 3 GCSE and A level Booster sessions will continue to run at lunchtimes and after school and all Y11-13 students are **strongly recommended** to make the most of this additional support and access offered by the teaching staff. Students will be signing up for the Extra Curricular Activities in the first week after the Easter holiday I have requested that subject teachers speak to parents at the upcoming PTC evenings or contact parents directly if they feel a student should be attending a booster session.

Similarly all staff are readily available at lunchtime, break time and after school by arrangement should any student wish to ask for additional help or guidance in any subject. Students and parents also have staff school email addresses for forwarding work or any questions they may have.

During the holidays it is vital that the next two weeks off school sees the start of a very focused and structured revision programme for all students. It is also a time to 'recharge' the batteries to allow them to come back to school focused and energized for the final "big push" towards the exams.

I hope that this has clarified for you the revision and support plans for our students in Term 3. Please be assured that we will work with our young people right up to the wire to ensure the very best possible examination results for them.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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