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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 examinations and 'Raise the Grade' sessions

As you are aware, we are quickly approaching the first GCSE examination with examinations beginning on 16th May 2022. We are very focused on ensuring the best possible preparation and outcomes for your son/daughter and are delighted that so many students have engaged with the revision opportunities being offered in school. This letter is intended to give you an update as to what is currently happening in school along with information about the 'Raise the Grade' sessions planned before each examination.

Attendance during the exam period

During the exam period, your son/daughter will be expected to attend school as usual. When not in an examination, subject teachers will be in lessons ready to help with revision. If their subject has already been examined, the class teacher will facilitate revision for examinations still to happen and your son/daughter should bring revision with them to their lessons – they have plenty! Every minute counts and this is a useful and productive period of time for examination preparation. Students are expected to attend both examinations and lessons in full school uniform. Please note, after school revision sessions will continue and students leaving an examination are more than welcome to attend these sessions. Please be aware that once your son/daughter has sat their final examination they are no longer required to attend school.

Raise the Grade

During the exam period, your son/daughter will be expected to attend 'Raise the Grade' sessions for the subjects they study. These sessions cover key topics and aid your son/daughter's preparation for successful examination performance. These sessions will be held as close to the examination as possible, the majority of sessions the day before the examination. Please find a 'Raise the Grade' timetable attached. Subject teachers will provide your son/daughter with more information closer to the date of their 'Raise the Grade' session.

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How can parents help?

Being involved is a crucial factor in your child's revision and preparation. The following will be a great support to them:

- Ensure you child has created a manageable timetabled revision schedule and that they stick to it. They need to build sensible breaks into the schedule. As a starting point, we recommend students complete around three forty-five to sixty-minute revision sessions each evening.
- Ensure you child is accessing their Google classroom pages frequently. Classwork, homework and revision materials will be posted which will help direct your son/daughter's revision.
- Ensure your child is using the Year 11 revision booklet provided to them. The booklet contains a range of revision tips, how to deal with exam stress, how to plan revision efficiently, and subject specific revision guidance. The revision booklet can be accessed using the link: https://tinyurl.com/SJHSY11revision22.
- Continue to encourage, motivate and reward your son/daughter as much as possible. Try
 to take an interest in what they are working on and help them with regular testing and
 checking. Revision can be a lonely business and they need to feel that they are supported
 and that you are proud of them for the work they are putting in.
- If you have any concerns, either general or subject specific, please contact the relevant person at school as soon as possible. We are all here to help your son/daughter, and are very happy to advise and support you to ensure your son/daughter does the best they can.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support I know you will provide your son/daughter in ensuring they reach their full potential in the upcoming examinations.

Kind Regards,

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Subject	Exam date	RTG date
Religious Education	16/05/2022	13/05/2022
Sociology	16/05/2022	13/05/2022
Applied Science	17/05/2022	16/05/2022
Biology Double	17/05/2022	16/05/2022
Biology Triple	17/05/2022	16/05/2022
Welsh	17/05/2022	16/05/2022
English Language	18/05/2022	17/05/2022
Drama	19/05/2022	18/05/2022
History	19/05/2022	18/05/2022
Business	20/05/2022	19/05/2022
Numeracy	20/05/2022	19/05/2022
Geography	23/05/2022	20/05/2022
Physical Education	24/05/2022	20/05/2022
Mathematics	24/05/2022	23/05/2022
Media studies	25/05/2022	23/05/2022
Chemistry Double	27/05/2022	25/05/2022
Chemistry Triple	27/05/2022	25/05/2022
Computing	27/05/2022	26/05/2022
Geography	07/06/2022	06/06/2022
Numeracy	07/06/2022	06/06/2022
Physics Double	08/06/2022	06/06/2022
Physics Triple	08/06/2022	06/06/2022
Sociology	10/06/2022	06/06/2022
Religious Education	09/06/2022	08/06/2022
Welsh	09/06/2022	08/06/2022
English Language	10/06/2022	09/06/2022
History	13/06/2022	10/06/2022
Mathematics	14/06/2022	13/06/2022
Media studies	14/06/2022	13/06/2022
Product Design (Theory) 11C	15/06/2022	13/06/2022
Product Design (Theory) 11A	15/06/2022	14/06/2022
Computing	16/06/2022	15/06/2022
Additional Maths	21/06/2022	17/06/2022
Music	22/06/2022	21/06/2022