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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the start of the GCSE exams, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration. As you will be aware, the GCSE exams begin on **Friday 3rd May** and last for **six weeks**. I am meeting with the Year 11 students in assembly on Monday 29th April, to talk them through what will be happening in terms of lessons and exams over the coming weeks. Form Tutors are further reinforcing this information during registration.

Normal timetabled lessons will continue to run until all exams in a subject have been completed. Where possible, students will have a one-hour revision session either the day before, or the morning before sitting a GCSE exam. These revision sessions are compulsory and are highly beneficial to how your child performs in their exams. Students must attend all revision sessions in full school uniform and bring the correct equipment.

Where students have sat the final exam in a subject they will still attend a lesson for supervised study where they can revise for their other subjects. Students must be prepared and bring revision materials with them to these sessions. Appropriate materials may be revision cards, past exam papers, mark schemes, model answers and note paper or subject exercise books. Students need to be active in these sessions and not simply reading notes. As I will be saying to Year 11 in the assembly, time now should be spent on practicing answering questions a number of times. This will help them in recognising what a question requires, initiating their response with a correct answer that gains the marks available on the exam.

I have included a copy of the **Exam and Revision Timetable** to inform you when key revision sessions are taking place. Please familiarise yourself with the timetable. Form Tutors will be displaying the timetable for the week ahead during registration each morning. Period 6 sessions will also be continuing for subjects that are still to be examined.

On **Wednesday 12th** and **Thursday 13th June**, all students will have Science revision lessons Period 1 and Period 2. Students who study subjects still to be examined in Geography, GCSE DT or Hospitality are to remain in school for revision lessons during Period 3, 4 and 5 on these days. If students do not study these subjects, they are free to leave school after the Period 2 Science revision lesson.

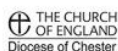
On **Friday 14th June**, all students are to attend school as normal. Students who study Geography have their exam at 09.00. Students who do not study Geography will have a Science revision lesson during Period 1. All students will have Science revision lessons during Period 2 and Period 3 in preparation for the Science Exam which starts at 1pm.

The last main exam that **all** students sit is the **Science exam** on **Friday 14th June**.



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Only students still to sit remaining exams in GCSE DT, Hospitality, Music or Further Maths are required to come into school following Friday 14th June for revision lessons as scheduled on the Exam Revision Timetable.

All students are invited to attend our Leavers' Service at 13.30 on Thursday 20th June in Latchford Methodist Church which provides the final opportunity for students to join together as a year group. Students are not required to attend in full school uniform but I must ask that students dress appropriately in a place of worship. Students will not be allowed to enter the Church if they are wearing crop tops or very short shorts/skirts. Any tops with inappropriate logos on will also not be permitted. Students will be able to bring their school shirt with them to sign, if they wish and there will be an opportunity after the service to do this and for us to say our final goodbyes.

The service will be a celebration of the students' time in our school and will be a very memorable experience.

Many thanks for the role you are playing in encouraging your child to revise and succeed. Your child's engagement with revision should have increased significantly over recent weeks with their revision continuing each evening through the exam period. As a guide, students should be spending two hours each evening preparing and revising for their exams. One of the best forms of revision is answering past examination papers and creating and reviewing summary notes/que cards/knowledge organisers. Please ensure that your son/daughter is active in their revision and revising several subjects each evening to ensure their revision is balanced. We appreciate that this can sometimes be overwhelming and it is important to chunk the revising and build in appropriate breaks. We are always here and happy to support in whatever capacity is needed

I hope that **results day on Thursday 22nd August 2024** will be a rewarding day for your child. I wish them well in the weeks ahead and thank you for your support once again.

Yours faithfully



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