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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Revision Masterclasses, Exam Masterclasses and GCSE Exams

Trust Revision Masterclasses:
To support students with their revision in the final days before the summer exams, we have organised a range of online revision masterclasses which will be delivered by our subject Directors. All resources can be found on the website: **https://www.outwood.com/revision-masterclasses**

These expert teachers, many of whom your child may know, will lead hour-long webinars focused on revision and exam techniques and specific topic areas, covering both foundation and higher papers where applicable. They will complement the revision activities students should already be completing and are in addition to any sessions being provided by your child's school.

Sessions will take place after school, between 4pm and 8pm, to allow students time to travel home following enrichment. The revision masterclass timetables can be found here: **LINK** and has also been posted in your child's Year 11 Google Classroom. The timetable will be updated as we progress through the weeks leading up to the actual exams. To access a live session, students should click the joining link or scan the QR code on the timetable. Please note, students will only be able to join using their school Google login details. All masterclasses will be recorded so that students may catch up if they miss a session or wish to watch one again. The recordings and any additional resources will be made available within 24 hours by visiting **RECORDINGS**.

As with all online learning activities, students will be expected to conduct themselves appropriately. They will not be able to verbally communicate with each other or the teacher. If they have any questions, students should make a note and raise them with their usual teacher after the session. To ensure a productive learning environment, students are reminded to:

- set up in a quiet space with minimal interruption;
- join each masterclasses a couple of minutes ahead of the published start time as sessions will start promptly;
- come suitably prepared including having the appropriate equipment (eg. exercise book, paper, pen, pencil and calculator).

GCSE Examinations and Masterclasses:
All students are expected to arrive in good time for their examinations and need to enter school through the Year 11 only entrance. Morning exams all start at 9:00am. and we expected students to be in school, no later than their normal start time of 8:20am. **All students are expected to attend all of their examinations.**

To support students, each morning before an exam will be a breakfast offer from 7:50am, with Masterclass sessions from teachers starting at 8:00am. These sessions allow students to get some key reminders and ensure they go into the examination with the consistent messages and techniques they need to be successful.

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During the exam period, there will be times where normal lessons are paused, to enable students to get a Booster Session prior to their next examination. Below outlines the Masterclasses and Booster Session timetable up until May half term. Below includes the exams and Masterclass/Booster Sessions for all students; please refer back to your child's individual exam timetable that was sent out previously for the times and dates of the examinations that they are entered for.

GCSE Exams, Masterclasses and Booster Timetable - May 24

It is crucial that students maintain strong attendance in the final weeks as we now are in exam season, so our subject experts can ensure that the final preparations and targeted instruction is in place to support our students to be successful. The usual standards of conduct and behaviour are expected throughout these sessions.

We will write home with the schedule for after half term in due course.

I thank you in advance for your continued support and for ensuring that your child is able to access these excellent, additional opportunities to prepare them for their exams.

Yours faithfully

Mr Graham Skidmore
Principal