



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Post Easter Year 11 Plans and Study Support Sessions

As you are aware the next few weeks are a critical time in your son's education. It is very important that your son has a productive Easter break with a healthy balance of revision, exam preparation and rest. Many students have signed up to our Easter Support Sessions and we look forward to seeing them at these sessions.

Your son will have received his marked PPE2 exam papers with verbal or written feedback on how to improve. It is in your son's best interest to make sure that he builds on this feedback, goes through the exam papers and utilises the resources that have been provided by the relevant subject teachers.

The majority of subject areas use **Microsoft Teams** as a key method of sharing resources and revision aids. Your son should have his log in details for this. Please encourage him to share this with you so that you can see the wealth of resources he can use to support his revision. This should be used alongside your son's class notes and any revision guides and work books purchased.

In addition to Teams many subjects have specific websites they encourage students to use. Students should have their log in details for the following websites and they should be using them throughout the holidays.

Maths Edexcel	www.hegartymaths.co.uk PPE feedback identifies the 'red areas' your son needs to work on to improve. The feedback also states the Hegarty Maths clip linked to each topic area so that he can focus his revision
English Language & Literature AQA	www.bcbitesize.co.uk (AQA exam board) Mr Bruff on Youtube https://englishapp.pixl.org.uk/PiXLit.html
Combined Science AQA	www.mygcselearning.co.uk Attached is a plan that has been shared with students. It outlines which topics students should be studying each day. If your son has not yet started he should catch up on this over the break
Spanish AQA	www.thisislanguage.com
Mandarin Edexcel	https://quizlet.com/subject/GCSE-Chinese/ Students can create a free account on Quizlet and access this
Geography- Edexcel History- AQA Business Studies- Edexcel Computing- AQA RE- AQA	www.bcbitesize.co.uk – select relevant subject and exam board https://quizlet.com/subject/ - Search relevant subject



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Post Easter Study Support Sessions:

The Science department will be delivering 'Walking, Talking, Mock' style revision sessions for Biology, Chemistry and Physics post- Easter. These sessions guide students through a sample paper and focus students on the key examination skills required for each question. The 'Walking Talking Mocks' will take place on:

- o Wednesday 24 April 2019
- o Wednesday 1 May 2019
- o Wednesday 8 May 2019

To support your son in the final few weeks before the exams begin, teachers have put in place Study Support Sessions which commence the week beginning 23 April 2019. Afterschool sessions **start at 14:35 and finish at 3.40pm** so please ensure your son has made any necessary arrangements for this later finish time. It is imperative that your son goes straight to these sessions after period 4 and does not go to the shops first as this wastes time and he will miss a lot of the session. Information on the sessions your son should attend have already been given to him.

As always we value your support in ensuring your son attends all sessions and that he is continuing his revision programme for his upcoming exams.

Core PE Lessons Post-Easter

After Easter students will have the opportunity to study during Core PE lessons if they choose to. Students who are opting for this will need to bring independent study material to school with them on the days they have PE. A member of the PE department will supervise this quiet study time in a class room.

GCSE Exam Timetables

Your son will have received a draft GCSE timetable for checking as well as his confirmed GCSE timetable. It is important this is kept safe. All students will remain in school on an adapted Study Immersion and Examination timetable until May half term. Following May half term students will have the opportunity to attend Revision Support Sessions prior to each examination. Students final day at school will be the date of their final examination, providing all coursework based subjects such as DEC and BTEC PE are complete.

We hope you all have a restful and productive break over the Easter season. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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