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Principal: Mrs Lesley Hogg



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Dear parent/ carer,

#Team23 Update

It was lovely to see so many of you at the recent Prepare to Perform evening. We have now made the recording of this available on our academy YouTube channel, here: <https://youtu.be/LFd8atGKJbY>, if you were unable to attend and would like to catch up. Year 11 – or #Team23, as we like to call them (as they are completing their GCSEs in 2023, and are part of a larger support team that is supporting them – including you, at home, and us, in the academy) – have made fantastic progress and are working really hard. We are very proud of them.

As we discussed at the Prepare to Perform evening, this year we have been able to purchase English, maths and science revision guides to loan to students. These are on the basis that all students return these guides before they leave the academy in the summer, to allow us to support the next cohort of Year 11 students. We will ensure students have these revision guides before half term.

In addition to these, revision materials for all subjects are available on GCSEPod. This is an online platform we buy in to for all our students. The statistics behind this suggest that the top 25% of users (nationally) on GCSEPod outperform the bottom 25% of users by 0.5 grades across all of their subjects. This is a significant impact and its use cannot be underestimated. Please encourage your child to log in to this and use it as part of their revision. We will be launching rewards and prizes for students' use of GCSEPod (as well as engagement in revision and retrieval in other ways) after half term. The site includes short videos (or 'pods') lasting 3-5 minutes, plus a wealth of quizzes and other activities students can complete to check their knowledge and understanding. Students can log in at www.gcsepod.com. Most students have not yet registered for this service – they can do this by clicking 'login' and following the directions. If they have previously logged in and cannot access their accounts please ask them to try the password reset/ reminder options, and, if this does not work, please do let me know and I can look into it for them.

Finally for this update, students have been given their pre-public examination (PPEs; 'mocks') timetables for the fortnight after half term, and I have attached a copy to this letter so you can see all of the examinations that are running. Students' timetables are personalised to them, so will show only the exams they will be sitting. It also contains specific start times for examinations. When students are not in examinations, they will be attending their regularly timetabled lessons.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Staniforth'.

Miss A Staniforth
Vice Principal