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Dear Parents/Carers

As we move through the GCSE examination period, I am writing to stress the importance of full attendance at school every day, including those days when students do not have a scheduled exam.

Our children's success over recent years is the result of expert teaching, careful planning, and highly targeted support in the final weeks before examinations. Our staff are specialists in preparing students for GCSE success, and every lesson during this period is designed to maximise outcomes. Similarly, our strength lies in the support we provide beyond the classroom. By seeing students each day and knowing them well, we are able to respond to their wellbeing needs, provide reassurance, and help them manage the pressures of the examination period.

Departments are delivering carefully sequenced revision sessions, based on their collective expertise, to focus students on the most important knowledge and skills at precisely the right time. For example, on Wednesday students took part in a centrally planned Maths revision session, designed by our Maths department to prepare them specifically for the GCSE paper the following day.

Students who do not attend school miss this vital preparation. We provide bespoke resources that are responsive to the examinations already sat. For example, following the Maths Paper 1, we will deliver targeted revision focusing on the key topics most likely to be assessed in the remaining papers. This is replicated in all subjects. We are clear that independent revision at home is unlikely to match the quality, precision, and impact of these in-school sessions. Missing even a single day at this stage can therefore have a detrimental effect on outcomes.

We expect and encourage all students to attend every day, regardless of whether they have an exam scheduled. Attendance during this period is not optional – it is a crucial part of the support we provide to help every student achieve their very best.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day during the examination period.

With kind regards



Miss A Thomas
Assistant Headteacher

