

Dear Fifth Form Parents,

I have just written to all of the Fifth Form emphasising the importance of the January GCSE trial exams and preparing fully for them.

They have all received their individual exam timetable and have been working on revision timetables in their tutor sessions for the holiday period. My advice is that they work in weeks one and three of the holidays, enjoying family time in week two over Christmas and New Year. As suggested at the A level information afternoon, it may be beneficial if your son/daughter displays their revision timetable in a public place, on the fridge for example, so they can be accountable for their revision and this can form discussion with the rest of the family.

The pupils will effectively be on study leave when they return in January, but they will be expected at games sessions on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and to be available for all matches, if required. Day pupils are welcome to come in to school to use the library to revise during this period by signing in and out of House, whilst boarders will be under House arrangements.

These exams give your son/daughter a chance to build their confidence by doing well and are effectively the start of their revision for the final push to the summer exams. Not only that but they give us a good indication of how they are going to perform in the summer. Please emphasise that it is vital that they do not use these exams to just 'see what they know' without revising.

Best wishes for a lovely Christmas and happy New Year,

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