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Dear Parent,

Subject Tutors will be delivering a series of revision sessions at lunch and after-school during term 4 and 5. A copy of this schedule and a GCSE Revision Guide is enclosed to assist your son in preparing for his final GCSEs. If your son is going to fulfil his potential he will need to be organised, work hard and revise thoroughly. There are specific things which a student can do to increase their chances of success and achieve a large number of grades at 8 and 9. The pages of this booklet and revision sessions are designed to help your son achieve high grades.

Revision materials are available in department areas of Frog our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and GCSEPod. Frog and GCSEPod can both be accessed via links from the homepage of the school website. Students can also access their school homedrive and Rdrive through Frog. GCSEPod covers more than 20 subjects and features over 3000 audio-visual podcasts written by teachers, narrated by professional voiceover artists and enhanced with text and images to engage the user. The department areas of Frog can only be accessed from a student account and not the parent portal. Students may also wish to download a free app called Gojimo available for iOS and Android. Alternatively they may access it via a desktop computer at www.gojimo.com. This app covers every major subject at GCSE and has over 160,000 free revision quiz questions.

Our aim at King's is for every student to reach the highest academic standards of which they are capable and to give themselves the best chance of achieving their aspirations in the future. The grades achieved at GCSE have a significant impact on the type of university and career they can access and a large number of grades at 8 and 9 will undoubtedly give them more choice.

Examinations can be a stressful time for all concerned and it can be difficult to decide how best to support your son. There is clearly a balance to be struck between being supportive and getting involved in the whole process, whilst at the same time allowing your son to develop independent skills and a sense of personal responsibility. Parents can shout from the sidelines but cannot, ultimately, revise for their son.

GCSE examinations start on the 13 May and we shall continue to teach Year 11 classes throughout the examination period. We shall expect all students to attend timetabled lessons until Friday 24 May. After this date staff will continue to provide timetabled lessons until Friday 14 June and students will only attend lessons in those subjects they still have to sit an examination. Students shall be free to go home after the last lesson of the day; alternatively they may do some quiet and supervised revision in the library between lessons. There may be some students who are required to follow a full and individualised timetable during this period if we still have concerns regarding their effort and attainment.

I hope your son will set himself ambitious targets, use the wealth of resources available and ask staff for additional support if there are areas of knowledge that need developing. All Year 11 students are capable of achieving very good grades in the summer examinations. They should use the next few months wisely and I will look forward to congratulating them on their achievements in August.

Yours sincerely,

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