



Chenderit School

A VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE

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Dear parents and carers,

Final GCSE Revision and Exam preparation

We find ourselves on the eve of the external GCSE exam season with an intense and incredibly important five-week period ahead for your sons and daughters as they sit their final exams. I am writing once more to offer the support of the teachers at Chenderit School to ensure that your son/daughter is as fully prepared for the exams as possible. Below is a checklist of the most important points to ensure the best possible success in the exams. Each student should:

- Have created a revision timetable showing when each subject will be revised in the evening and at weekends, with appropriate rest breaks built into the plan;
- Have identified revision techniques to get the most out of revision time, e.g. Index cards, play the teacher, mind-mapping, etc;
- Have an appropriate place to revise at home, away from distractions;
- Have a copy of their exam timetable, which has been checked for accuracy and understood;
- Reduce the time spent gaming and social networking. Phones, remote controls and gaming controllers could be given up voluntarily to parents during the exam season;
- Aim to sleep for between 8 and 10 hours a night to help revision and provide energy;
- Have a balanced diet of appropriate food and drink, with no sugary or caffeine fuelled overloads before exams;
- Exercise well. This is an excellent way to reduce stress and have a break between revision sessions;
- Be reminded that after school revision sessions are still ongoing in most subjects during the exam season. (Please see attached timetable)

Breakfast workshops

Following a letter sent to parents/carers last week by Mr Williams advertising the breakfast workshops, please remind your son/daughter to sign up for them with their tutor each week. We meet in the canteen at 7.45am for a continental style breakfast followed by a half hour workshop relevant for the exam being taken that morning. Students are still expected to attend registration and accompany their tutor to the canteen in readiness for the start of their exams at 9.00am.

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Future dates:

- Leavers' Day – Friday 8th June.
Each student must bring a spare/old school polo shirt to school on 8th June for the traditional signing of a school polo shirt by fellow students. Students will not be permitted to wear the signed polo shirts during lessons.
- Summer Ball – Thursday 28th June.
Please ensure that reply slips are returned to me by Friday 25th May giving permission for students to attend the evening.
- GCSE exam results day - Thursday 23rd August.
Examination results can be collected from the Lecture Theatre from 9.00am

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish our Year 11 students the best of luck with their GCSE exams starting this week. The hard work and effort will be worth it!

I look forward to seeing our students more relaxed, at our celebration event, the Summer Ball, on the 28th June.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toby Holland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'H'.

Toby Holland
Head of Learning for Year 11