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Dear Parents and Carers

We are mid-way through this half-term and there is a lot to share with you from Rockwood Academy.

We are at that key time of year where Year 11 are entering into their exams. Furthermore, Year 8 are currently undergoing an Assessment Period and Year 10 are approaching their mock examinations after the upcoming Half-Term Break.

With this in mind, here are some important exam tips and advice for Year 11:

1. **There is still enough time to improve your grades:** the time studying at home and in revision classes will make a difference to your final results! Keep focused and use every moment you can to make that next grade.
2. **Results are nothing to do with luck:** your GCSE results are all about the effort and the work you do to prepare for your exams. Work hard and put the effort in and you will see the benefits. Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend before and after school revision sessions. Students who come to these sessions are far more prepared and achieve higher grades.
3. **Prioritise your time:** over the next few weeks, your exams must be your number one priority. This is the time to be disciplined about how you use the precious time you have. Avoid distractions, put your phone away whilst revising!!
4. **Use your time wisely at home:** evenings and weekends are long enough to fit in relaxation and revision. Each evening, you should be doing two hours of independent study. These could be done in 4 x 30 min chunks. Split your weekends into 3 (mornings, afternoons, and evenings) and study for 2 out of 3.
5. **Reward your hard work with some 'down time':** relax, get outside, and do some exercise. Studies show that students who punctuate their revision with exercise outside do better in their exams.
6. **Use the staff to help you achieve the top grades:** don't sit at home worrying about some content you are struggling with, ask your teachers for help as they are the experts. They will always find time to support you. (use the year 11 TEAMS for resources and to connect with your teachers).
7. **Be organised and prepared for the day:** use your exam timetable to know when and where your exams are. Each night, make sure you have all the necessary equipment for the next day. If you are not sure on what equipment you need, please speak to your Tutor.

Other news:

Maths Department

Please note the following information:

Year 7: AXIOM Maths Circle - Enrichment club every Thursday after school in T7 with Miss Karra and Mr Zaman

Year 10: Mock exams week beginning 10th June. Students are completing two papers (Non-Calculator and Calculator). The topic list has been given to students and all revision materials will be on Mathswatch by the end of WB 6th of May.

Year 11: GCSE Paper 1 (Higher and Foundation) Thursday 16th May 9.00am. Year 11 needs to continue to check the Teams for support resources. Predicted Papers and model solutions have been uploaded for paper 1 for both Higher and Foundation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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