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Dear Parent/Carer,

Later this week you will be receiving your child's Spring Term Report. This details the grades your child achieved in the March Pre Public Exams, along with information on current grades and predicted grades.

At this stage of the year your child's predicted grades should be equal to or greater than, your child's minimum target grade. If this is not the case, it is vitally important your child uses subject specific advice and feedback from teachers to produce and follow a thorough revision plan.

The recommended guidance tells us all students should dedicate 6 - 8 hours of independent study to each subject every week to have enough time.

With just 7 weeks left until the start of written exams we expect all Sixth Form students to use the Easter break to actively engage in subject revision and exam practice.

I have outlined the most effective and least effective strategies below, which will support you in monitoring and ensuring students are using their time productively.

Technique	How can you help
Blurring technique - where students repeatedly recall information from memory . This strengthens recall pathways making it easier to recall information under exam conditions	Ask your child to show you their blurring notes. Your child should be able to show you multiple rough copies which get more detailed over time.
Spaced Retrieval - regularly recap all content within 7 - 10 days, even if just for 10 minutes. This also helps to strengthen recall pathways	Pick a random subtopic from your child's PLC and ask him/her to give you a verbal summary. You can have your child's notes with you to tick off everything they recall correctly and highlight the things they don't
Completing Exam Questions from memory, using markschemes and notes to check marks and then improving answers by rewriting them from memory.	Encourage your child to re-do answers where they lost even just one / two marks. Redoing questions correctly will help your child replace inaccurate frameworks for writing answers but is the one step most students do not do

Our teachers have also organised targeted revision workshop in school during this time, if your child is in these classes you will have received a notification via MCAS.



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All students also have access to a bank of subject support resources on the Sixth Form VIP Zone as well on their subject google classrooms. This includes Exam Papers, Mark Schemes, Revision Resources and more.

Additional support from parents and carers with promoting wellbeing breaks and providing a healthy home environment will only enhance students' study habits and make a significant difference in ensuring your child is fully prepared, confident and resilient during the exam season.

Additional guidance and support information can be accessed on the [Parents Area](#) of our website. These really useful resources range from parent guidance on revision strategies through to ideas on supporting your child's wellbeing.

If you would like to discuss your child's progress further or need guidance with any aspects of revision planning for Easter, a number of subject leaders and senior leaders will be available to meet parents in the SA hall from 4pm to 6pm on Thursday 30th March, please feel free to drop in to speak with a member of our team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,



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