



20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

It's a crucial time for all students as we approach the Easter break and I thought it might be useful to outline a few important key messages below.

The Year 13 exams begin on May 16<sup>th</sup> and Easter needs to be used productively for revision to ensure that your child is best prepared to approach their exams with confidence.

To support them in the run up, they have had a good deal of advice about exam preparation and should already have made inroads, but much of it boils down to having a plan and sticking to it!

A few essential tips:

- A revision timetable is a must to give structure and focus. Plan, say, three blocks a day through Easter with treats (whatever form they take) during downtime
- Eat well, sleep well and exercise well
- Use exam specifications
- Don't highlight aimlessly – rework material to make it stick
- Have your own revision space if possible
- Practise past papers and questions relentlessly

Advice and additional well-being support:

- [Making the grade: A\\* students share their revision tips and secrets - The Uni Guide](#)
- [AS & A2 LEVEL \(A-Level\) Revision | Revision World](#) has a wealth of practice papers to look at. We will also be offering generic revision workshops to students to support their preparation.
- [Meditation and Sleep Made Simple - Headspace](#) which is a 'mindfulness' guide to help students maximise mental health.
- [Home - Kooth](#) which has resources to support students with wellbeing.

Can I also remind parents/carers that there is a face to face parents' evening the first week after the Easter break on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. You will shortly have a notification of how to make your appointments.

Finally, plans for next year should now be taking shape. For those seeking apprenticeships and employment I would expect that applications are already being made. For those going to university, the Student Finance England portal is open for students to register and make their application for loans. Support continues to be available in school for any aspect of the above



The table below summarises key dates in the spring and summer:

Year 13 Key dates spring & summer 2023	
BTEC Exam Results from January series	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Formal year group photograph	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Final Exams	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May – Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Leavers' social event	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June (To be confirmed)
Leavers' final assembly and last day	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 11am – 12 noon

With best wishes from the sixth form team

Yours faithfully

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