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Dear Parent/Carer

In order to provide outstanding exam / assessment preparation and support, we have designed a fully resourced “**Revision at Pilton**” programme” for all students. This has been shared with all year groups through assemblies and will form part of a regular schedule of activities allowing students to practise these revision skills. Our aim is for all students to master these techniques so that assessments and examinations do not cause undue stress or worry – rather, students feel confident and prepared to perform at their best and achieve their potential. Attached to this letter is the revision presentation that was shared with students so that you can support your child during this time.

Also attached is a suggested revision timetable starting from Monday 16 May until Sunday 19 June inclusive of the half term. Students should use this timetable to organise their time during their evenings and weekends to maximise their preparation for these assessments. This timetable can also be found on the website. Students will be given a paper copy next week.

Our programme centres around three principles: Summarise | Revise | Test.

- **Summarise** – This is the process where students condense their course notes, revision guides and videos into manageable chunks from which to revise. These can be in the form of revision clocks, mind maps, flash cards or Cornell notes.
- **Revise** – This is where the embedding of knowledge takes place. Students use a variety of active recall techniques to transfer knowledge into their long-term memory.
- **Test** – Students spend a considerable proportion of their revision time practising past exam questions.

Full instructions, templates, videos, and guides on how to access and carry out each aspect of the “Revision at Pilton” programme can be found on our website. Please follow the “Revision At Pilton” tab on the home page. Students have been introduced to these materials in several assemblies.

We recommend that students chunk their revision time into 20 – 30 minute segments then have a break. This will allow students to be refreshed before the next revision sessions.

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So that students and parents are aware of when assessments will take place, all students will be provided with a blank timetable so that assessments can be added. Teachers will start to inform students of the revision topics, sharing resources on the website and through class charts.

The end of year examinations will be taking place during the summer term. All content taught throughout the year may be assessed during this assessment. The assessment weeks for year 10 starts on Monday 20 June. Some examination will be in the school hall and undertaken in full examination conditions. Others will be completed in their lesson time.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Heaton', written in a cursive style.

Danny Heaton
Deputy Headteacher