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Dear parents/carers,

Re Exam preparation and notices

As the Easter holidays approach I wanted to give you an update on the arrangements that we are putting in place at STFS for year 11 students during their GCSE exams. It is my sincere hope that year 11 students will use this Easter break to consolidate their notes and participate in active revision techniques. I know that the STFS staff have been working hard to ensure that students have all the revision resources that they need to achieve success over the next few months. I would recommend that all students are completing a working school day (roughly 6 hours) and dividing their revision up in to chunks in order to maintain focus and break some of the monotony. A revision timetable for the Easter break is attached to this letter and should be used by students to plan their break and also log what they have completed.

An incentive that has been used with year 11s this year is that anyone who has a positive behaviour ratio of (85% or above) at the Easter break will be eligible for a discount on their prom ticket. Following conversations with members of staff, the only way that we can organise this is via a refund of approx. 15% of the price of the prom ticket via ParentPay. Students will be notified if they have achieved this in the first week back after the Easter break.

I wanted to draw your attention to the website GCSE Pod that STFS have subscribed to. Each student has a log in for this website (www.gcsepod.com), which provides short videos that explain a wide range of concepts in all of the GCSE subjects. Currently this resource is not being used particularly well. Therefore, we are requesting that you encourage students to use this excellent resource to find out information, consolidate class notes and to improve their understanding in and outside of school. The GCSE Pod service can be accessed via the website and also an app that can be downloaded onto phones. The best feature of this service is that videos and pods can be downloaded onto phones while at home over Wi-Fi and then listened to at their leisure.

I wanted to extend my thanks to all the parents who have made arrangements for students to access the substantial after school revision programme that is being put on by staff between 3.30pm and 4.30pm each day. I would also like to encourage everyone to try and make best use of this resource and where possible make arrangements to allow students to attend.



When the main diet of examinations gets started in the w/c 11th May 2020 lessons will transition into supervised independent revision for students. Students will continue to follow their usual timetable but will be able to focus on their own studies and prepare themselves for their upcoming exams.

Also included within this letter is our timetable and plan for examinations and compulsory study sessions that we will be putting on for all students. These will run for either one or two hours and attendance here is mandatory. During these sessions teachers will be spending time going over examination technique, clarifying common misconceptions and prepare students with all of their expertise to give students the best chance of success.

With regards to the examinations, I have been asked by Chloe Jones (the Examinations Officer) to remind students of the need to be punctual and prepared for their exams. Students must be in school by 8.35am in order to allow for exams to start promptly, similarly, for the afternoon exams students must be in the canteen area by 1.30pm. Equally, during these most recent mock exams it has come to light that there is still a significant number of students who are not properly prepared for each exam. To assist please see the information below:

Things to bring to **EVERY** exam:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear pencil case• At least 3 BLACK biros• 3 pencils• Rubber• Clear ruler	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coloured pencils• Calculator• Pair of compasses• Protractor
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*****If you bring a bottle of water into the exam room it must be in a clear coloured, transparent bottle & must not have a label*****

<p>Leave these in your locker or hand them into reception before each examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobile phone• Watch (regardless of type!)• Any web enabled device• Any device with built in storage• Notes or crib sheets• Calculator lids <p>***If any of the above are found in your possession during the exam they will be confiscated and you may be disqualified ***</p>
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Whilst we do have spares in school, these are limited. Therefore, we are unable to guarantee that this equipment will be available to students if they come unprepared.



Finally, I would like to say thanks for all your support up until this point. Please use the resources to structure an effective Easter revision programme. Use the break to focus on revision, return to school refreshed and re-energised in order to allow all students to achieve their potential.

Yours faithfully,

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Year 11 Study Sessions

The following sessions are being put on by staff throughout the week. All lunch sessions will be held in the MFL classrooms on the ground floor and no student should be in a classroom without teacher supervision.

If you plan to attend an after school session it is expected that you arrive promptly, stay for the duration and arrange collection.

Monday	Lunch	PE
	3.30pm-4.30pm	Geography & English intervention
Tuesday	Lunch	Music
	3.30pm-4.30pm	History, French & P.E.
Wednesday	Lunch	Film Studies
	3.30pm-4.30pm	Maths & English
Thursday	Lunch	French & Maths
	3.30pm-4.30pm	Science, Art & Design & English intervention
Friday	Lunch	Geography
	3.30pm-4.30pm	

