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Dear parents/carers,

Re Summer term arrangements

As the Easter holidays have now arrived 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 be using 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 into chunks in order to maintain focus and break some of the monotony.

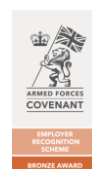
An incentive that has been used with year 11s this year is that anyone who has a positive behaviour score (+30 or above) at the Easter break will be eligible for a discount on their prom ticket. Following conversations with members of staff here the only way that we can organise this is via a refund 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 extend my thanks to all the parents who have informed us of enrichment arrangements for after Easter with regards to finishing at 3.30pm or 4.30pm. In order to allow for minimal disruption for the students who have elected to stay in school **can I ask that students leave the school site promptly at 3.30pm and are signed out by the member of staff waiting at the bottom of stairwell B.** These arrangements will allow for more focused and structured sessions to be put on for students and should help to maximise their study time within school.

When the main diet of examinations gets started in the w/c 13th May 2019 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 Little (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 school by 1.30pm.**



After the May half term students will be going on study leave and will be expected to complete their revision from home. They then only need to come in for their compulsory study sessions (on the attached timetable) and for their examinations. It will be their responsibility to ensure that they are in school on time for the start of these exams.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter. Use the break to focus on revision, come back to school refreshed and re-energised in order to allow all students to achieve their potential.

Yours sincerely,

Mat Payne

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GCSE lunchtime drop in sessions



Spring 2019

All sessions run at the teachers' discretion.
Bring work that you would like assistance with.

Monday:

H&SC in Hurst to revise and catch up with
coursework and Art in Matisse

Tuesday:

English in Duffy, PE in Truffaut, Music in Hendrix
and H&SC in Hurst all lunch.

Wednesday:

French in Truffaut and H&SC in Hurst. Bring your
lunch with you!

Thursday:

Maths in Truffaut, Art in Matisse, Dance with Miss
Rath and Spanish in Truffaut. 12.55-1.20

Friday:

History and Geography with Miss Owens and Mrs
Lear in Truffaut. Art in Matisse and Biology also
running 12.55-1.20

Computer Science drop in happens each day
for those with permission in Berners-Lee

