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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping to make the Revision Evening a success. It was a well-attended evening that I hope provided you with the opportunity to speak to all the relevant members of staff in regards to how best support your child with their preparations for the upcoming examinations. I have been impressed by the students who were unable to attend the evening with how they have been coming to ask for their knowledge organisers which is a good indication to the value the pupils have placed upon the evening and the information they have been provided with.

All pupils have now been given a Knowledge Organiser which will have memory aids and mind maps for each subject your child studies. This will support learning key facts and information for all areas of the curriculum. In addition to this students will be given a Knowledge Organiser book (The K.O Book). The one book will be used for all subjects and the expectation will be that it is used within lessons when directed and at home in order to aid revision and self-quizzing. A K.O homework timetable has been created so you as a parent/carer can support your child in completing revision tasks on the specified days. The completion of this homework will be checked in tutor time by tutors. This will aid your child's performance in the PPE and 'real' examinations. It is recommended that pupils bring their knowledge organisers to school to use as a working document.

I hope to see pupils taking advantage of the opportunities provided to them by staff over the half term holidays and attend revision sessions that have been put on for their benefit. While these will most likely not be the only sessions put on for students outside of regular hours they are well placed to further help the students prior to their Pre-Public Examinations that begin in November.

With the Pre-Public Examinations starting in November I would also like to remind everyone of the importance of attendance in school and being on time. Pupils are expected to be in form for morning registration by 8:30 and during the PPE's as stated on the revision evening, phone calls will start being made as soon as possible with those not in form. Based on years gone by morning registration will be followed by exam boosters for the students which are in place to further help the students prepare for the exams. I would also like to state that on days where your child may not have a PPE their attendance in school is still expected as lessons will be running as normal.

Finally I would just like to wish everyone a good half term holiday and look forward to seeing the students again upon their return.

Regards,



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