

YEAR 11 SPRING NEWSLETTER



Following on from the latest set of mock examinations, we want to continue to share what we are currently doing to support your child in school. We also want to share how best we feel you can play our part in supporting them at home. We know that a clear commitment to revision will make a substantial difference to their confidence and ultimately their summer GCSE grades. Staff have set clear revision homework for Easter, with specific number of allocated hours to revise in order for them to be successful. Thank you in advance for your support and actions. The remaining part of this newsletter outlines our end of year celebrations with the Prom and the leavers assembly. Please note that we have listened and have moved the proposed date for the leaver's assembly.

QUICK CLICKS..

- [All subject's revision resources](#)
- [Revision sessions](#)
- [Revision timetable](#)
- [GCSE Exam Timetable](#)
- [Worried about your child's wellbeing - quick support links here](#)

Quick wins to support your child at home

With Easter, this will be a great opportunity for you to have powerful conversations about revision (what does/doesn't work). We also want to help you understand more about the most proven revision strategies and approaches. The vast majority of students have already started revising and we are keen for your child not to miss out. Students have been set targeted revision homework on Arbor during the half-term break with set hours they will need to complete the homework.

Parent/Carer actions...

Over the next week and throughout the half-term break please....

1 [Watch the short 10 top tips video](#) about the best revision strategies your child should be using and, most importantly, how **you** can help them right now.

2 During Easter break

Support your child in their revision for GCSEs. The video above will outline how you can best do this in both a manageable and effective way. The key message is that the quality of revision (specific content and strategies used) is just as important as quantity. All revision resources are available above: [All subject's revision resources](#)

Please also link to AQA and Edexcel past papers: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes> & <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/exams/past-papers.html> the moderators reports are also a useful insight of where students lost marks.



How we will be supporting students in school to get them ready for Easter Revision?

We will be working with your child during an assembly this Thursday on:

1. **Building a revision plan during P1:** Students will continue to build their revision plan and are allowed to bring in their own revision during P1. All students have been previously given a hard copy of the revision timetable. It can be found here: [Revision timetable](#)
2. **Recapping and reteaching students about the most effective strategies to use to revise:** During the assembly and in subject lessons staff will be recapping on exactly how to revise. This is not just about them knowing what a strategy is (e.g. flashcards), it is also about ensuring they know exactly how to use the approach for maximum learning benefit.

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3. **Master class sessions:** These sessions have been extremely well attended. With only 4 more school weeks after Easter, it is vital that your child doesn't miss out and accesses the revision opportunities with a subject specialist. Timetable: [Revision sessions](#)
4. Students will have a **pre-exams assembly on 25th April** where they will be given an update on how they performed in the latest mocks exams. They will be shown how they can still make huge gains with 2 weeks to go. More information will follow on how we will support during the exam period and what is expected of our students.

End of year celebrations

1. Year 11 Leavers Assembly – Wednesday 26th June 2024 -2:15pm

We will be holding a Leavers Assembly for the Year 11 cohort on Wednesday 26th June at 2:15pm to celebrate their time with us at Durrington High School. The assembly is an opportunity for the whole cohort to be together and for staff to celebrate the achievements of the group. **Students should wear full and complete uniform** and the event will last approximately one hour. A key part of this assembly is also to look ahead to the Summer Ball taking place the following evening on Thursday 27th June and for staff to distribute the tickets. Students must ensure that they have returned all of their library books by this time. Please note that Summer Ball tickets will not be issued if a student has not returned any outstanding school resources. Unfortunately, due to capacity this event is limited to students only.

Summer Ball 2024 – Thursday 27th June 2024 – 6:30pm-10pm, The Avisford Park Hotel.

The Summer Ball will again be held in at Avisford Park Hotel, Fontwell which is fitting venue for what will be the formal celebration of Year 11 and their time at Durrington High School. It is a voluntary event that is always well attended by students and staff and tickets can be purchased on Arbor via the Shop. Students may arrive from 6:30pm ahead of the formal start at 7:00pm and will enjoy a DJ, buffet and various awards and speeches. Full details regarding this event can be found here: [Summer Ball 2024](#).

Please note that there are very clear expectations of the students throughout this event and in order to be able to purchase a ticket and to enjoy the event fully, we have shared with students and parents our expectations of behaviour. We would appreciate parents / carers taking the time to discuss these with your child.

And finally: If there are any other specific questions/topics that would be useful for you to have more information about (relating to year 11 exams/courses) please just let me know.

Mrs Temple