



22 March 2019

## Year 9 and 10 Parents Information Evening

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our annual Information Evening is planned for Thursday April 4. The evening will start at 6pm and finish at approximately 8pm. The evening is designed to launch the countdown to the end of year exams and to provide practical support for students and parents. Exams will start on June 10 with week 1 being focussed on Option subjects. Week 2 will focus on Core Subjects and will be completed in the Main Hall so students get a full exam experience.

Exams can be stressful so we want to help students be effective with their revision and to learn how to manage the extra stress that exams can bring. We want students to learn a range of revision strategies and be able to manage their time well during this busy period.

We have a number of workshops that will be taking place throughout the evening and you can decide which workshops to attend and in which order. Below is a flavour of the type of workshops we will be putting on. These are subject to change.

Workshop Title	Venue	Details
Welcome and Introduction- 6pm	Main Hall	An Introduction from Mr Horn on why do we do end of year exams? How will the evening be organised.
Maths and Science	Conference Room	Mr Leach and Mrs Bishop will discuss their subject revision plans and offer a range of practical revision tips for their subjects
Using technology to revise	IT1	Mr Horn will look at what websites should students can use. How can students use videos to revise? How can they use technology to do collaborative revision?
Memory Techniques	L1	Mr Irvine will run a session that looks at effective memory techniques. With so much to learn, having a range of techniques that help students memorise information is vital
English Literature (Year 10 only)	L2	Mr Sanghera will discuss the best way to use the final few weeks to prepare for the English Literature exam.
Exam Technique	L3	Mr Perks and Mr Knott will discuss what exam technique is and how improving technique can boost grades.
Revision Guides	Main Hall	What guides are available? How can you buy them? What are the tips on getting most out of them.
Work Experience (Year 10 only)	IT2	If you need help or advice securing a work experience placement, Mr Scott will be on hand to offer advice and show you some useful information that may secure a placement.

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We are unable to offer a workshop on Exam Anxiety during this evening. This was hugely popular last year but we will be inviting last year's speaker, Mr Adam Williams back in to school to run a session on how to cope with the pressure of exams.

After Easter, all students will be given "Countdown Plans" that are designed by each department to help structure revision in the lead up to exams. Students use these in Year 11 and found them really useful. We will show you some examples during the evening.

Students will receive their results in a formal results day assembly towards the end of term.

Please can you let me know that you will be attending by completing the reply slip below.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Horn  
**Head of Year 9 and 10**

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Name of Student .....

Tutor Group .....

Number of people attending .....