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Dear Parent/Carer,

Trial Exams – Year 10

As students approach the end of year 10, they will be taking part in a series of vital trial exams. The purpose of these exams is to gain the most accurate picture of a student's progress. We feel strongly that students must learn how an exam setting works, how to manage an exam timetable and how to prepare at home for their exams. With almost all subjects solely assessed via examinations, students' overall grades will be exclusively determined by their performance in the 2020 exams. As a school, it is essential that the attainment data that we collect is as accurate as possible to guide our teaching, but more importantly, to guide the support we will provide for students in year 11.

It is also important that students approach these exams in the same way they would approach the external exams. All year 10 students will take part in a tailored assembly this that will outline essential information about how to revise and prepare for the trial exam period.

We understand that as parents and carers it is important for you to know how to support your child with revision, here are some tips on how to support your child with preparing for these exams:

Setting up revision

- Ask your child if they need support
- Do they have resources required?
- Keep notes organised
- Find out what the school offers for extra revision
- Plan a revision timetable
- Ensure the study area is suitable and accessible

Supporting revision

- Ensure your child is getting enough sleep
- Support with sticking to the plan
- Praise them when they do
- Support with deadlines (prioritise work)
- Provide favourite snacks/drinks
- Be flexible
- Be sensitive to pressure
- Check-in regularly
- Support with techniques
- Keep distractions to a minimum

Effective revision strategies

- Chunking -revising smaller 'chunks' of information in short bursts rather than extended periods of time.
- Quizzing – you can check your child's knowledge by asking them questions about the topic.
- Flash cards – using small pieces of card to organise key information.
- Mind maps – displaying key information and dividing it into sub-topics.
- Knowledge organisers – write notes on each area of the topic you are studying using knowledge organisers.

Useful websites

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3>

<https://www.senecalearning.com/>

<https://getrevising.co.uk/>

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To keep updated with revision materials and suggestions follow our Twitter page @netherstowe. If there are any further queries please contact me by either phone or email, cpoar@netherstowe.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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