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Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are aware, the formal A-Level and Vocational qualification examinations have started this week! We want to wish your child the very best of luck in these examinations and we will be reminding them that we are here to support them every step of the way. We hope that they get the results they need this summer to enable them to take the next step in education, employment or training.

The exam season runs over the next 5 school weeks. Students are going to need to work as hard as they can during that time both in and out of school. A commitment to study when the weather is so lovely is really hard so they need our support during this time to keep focused.

Last Tuesday, we changed the whole school timetable and timings of the school day to give Year 13 students the maximum amount of contact time with their subject teachers in preparation for the exams. Students need to be revising little and often outside of school and we know some of them will need your support to be disciplined at doing this.

The exam season can be very stressful. It's really important that students get enough sleep, exercise and are eating well. We will be providing a free breakfast for all Year 13 students on the morning of their exams. The Mental Health Support team will be in school every Wednesday and will be available to support students who might be struggling. I have attached a leaflet from them, for your information. If your child is struggling please contact your child's Tutor or Mr Boughton - Director of Sixth Form Learning.

The best advice we can give your child is:

1. Be in school every day and on time
2. Work on the things your teachers told you to work on in the feedback they have given you
3. Do what your teachers are telling you to get the grades. They know how to get you the grades you want!

4. Have a revision plan for out of school hours and complete the plan - Little and often!
5. Prioritise your studies over paid work outside of school
6. Get to bed early and make sure you are eating well. Don't forget to have breaks and exercise.
7. Practice exam questions in exam conditions at home. Keep practising!
8. If you work hard now, anything is possible!

Please support us by reinforcing these key messages at home.

Finally, I would like to remind you of the following key points/dates:

1. Year 13 students are classified as full time until they have completed a course and are required in school every day. When students have completed a course, they must still attend all lessons in their remaining subjects and be in school every day up to and including the date of their final exam.
2. The Year 13 Summer Ball is on June 25th at the Livermead House Hotel
3. The results day is Thursday 14th August

Wishing your child all the very best.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Down
Headteacher