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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Preparing Year 11 for their GCSE Exams**

As I am sure you are aware, it isn't long until your child will take their GCSE examinations. We are always reviewing the ways we can best serve Year 11 students as they enter this crucial phase of preparation for the final GCSE exams. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the initiatives we have in place to support your child.

#### **Exam Busters**

The Exam Busters Workshop aims to provide your child with a variety of ways to support them in the run up to these GCSE examinations in 2022. There will be a focus on revision tools, exam tips and memory stress reduction to help enhance the performance of your child in these examinations. The workshop will take place on **Tuesday 1 February** and the session will last 80 minutes during four separate occasions throughout the Academy day, the workshop will be delivered by 'Positively You' to 90 students at a time. Your child will be notified of the time to attend. The workshops will take place in the Auditorium and your child will receive a revision pack with resources to kick start or boost their revision.

#### **Subject Specific Revision**

To also support subject specific revision your child will have assemblies delivered by each Head of Department for two consecutive weeks following the exam busters' workshop. The 15 minute assemblies will go through key knowledge and skills for the exam, strategies when tackling the exam and direct students to key revision materials on the revision website.


#### **Support for students suffering from Exam anxiety**

The realisation of the challenge ahead in Year 11 can be overwhelming for some. To support students with this iSpace will be available on a Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime for drop ins to discuss top tips on how to cope with exam anxiety and stress. If you have any concerns about how your child is coping with Year 11 please contact the Year 11 Learning Manager Miss Powers [j.powers@grange.outwood.com](mailto:j.powers@grange.outwood.com) and we will ensure that we support them in any way we can.

#### **Support for Parents/Carers**

We understand that having a child in Year 11 can be as challenging for you as parents/carers as it is for the students themselves. You will want to support your child to have every success in the forthcoming exams. To support you with this we will upload a range of resources that you can refer to on our Revision Website <https://sites.google.com/grange.outwood.com/ogarevision/home>, this will go live Friday 18 February. It is our sincere aim to support you and your child in any way we can through this demanding but exciting time.

Yours faithfully



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