



ABINGDON

From Middle Master: Rev'd Paul Gooding

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Dear 5th form parents,

I am sorry that I did not have the time to go through all my points at the recent parents' meeting so here is a summary of what I was going to say.

First of all **well done** to the 5th year on all their hard work in the recent mock exams! As a year group they have performed exceptionally well indeed. The hard work is beginning to pay off so keep it up!

I would remind the boys to be proactive in the remaining 10 weeks of teaching time before study leave. Practical ways to do this are as follows:

- take advantage of subject clinics on offer to you
- create a clear achievable revision timetable over Easter incorporating the 90 hours plan outlined by Mr May
- do have breaks – and keep up regular sport and exercise
- belief in yourself, be confident - you have been prepared well
- use plenty of past papers to practise
- use study groups as a way to revise with your friends
- remember there are plenty of revision ideas on the Middle School section of firefly to help you.

MFL Oral Exams

Remember that MFL orals exams will be taking place later this term as follows:

9/10/11 March German iGCSE

16/17/18 March Spanish iGCSE

19 March Chinese native speakers GCSE

20/23rd/24/25 March French iGCSE

Weekly oral classes with the language assistants will continue until then in order to give the boys invaluable practice in speaking and responding in the language.

There is also a wealth of information and support on Firefly for the students in the subject sections including learning tips and strategies, past papers & mark schemes, vocabulary and grammar revision. Good luck!

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There are plenty of musical events this term to which parents are warmly invited:

Music Events

Wednesday 25 February	6.00pm	Annual Chamber Music Evening
Thursday 5 March	6.00pm	Music Scholars' Concert No 4
Wednesday 11 March	6.00pm	Singers' Platform
Thursday 19 March	6.00pm	Choral Concert

Further details will be available via the weekly mailings and through the Music Department

Careers Convention.

This year's Careers Convention is to be held on the evening of Friday 13 March at the School of St Helen and St Katharine. This annual convention is run jointly by Abingdon's three independent schools: Abingdon School, St Helen and St Katharine, and Our Lady's.

A keynote speech is followed by the opportunity for individual consultations with over 60 representatives from different careers. There are also talks from panels of experts throughout the evening on careers in Law, Art and Design, Alternatives to Medicine and Languages.

The convention is compulsory for Abingdon 5th year boys. Parents are also warmly invited to attend with their sons. The careers adviser will also be in attendance at the convention to help answer any questions that may arise.

Finally I would encourage the boys to continue to make the most of what Abingdon has to offer and to keep up the good work!

Best wishes for the rest of the term.

Yours sincerely



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