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Dear 3rd Years

**Revision advice for 3rd Year pupils**

As I hope you are aware, your end of year exams will be taking place between **Tuesday 18 - Friday 21 June**.  You will be sent out the timetable in due course.   It is important that you prepare yourselves well for these exams.  I therefore would like to give you some revision advice.  If you have any questions and require specific information, you could ask your subject teachers or tutors in the first instance.

Following on from what Mr Price shared in this week's assembly, it is important not to cram for your exams; last-minute revision is not effective. Therefore it is important that you have a good plan for your revision.

Here are some general principles:

·      **How to prepare**

·      Make sure you have a plan :

o   Have a specific plan for the holiday and the days leading up to the exams.

o   In the holiday, you are not expected to work the whole time.  You could divide each day into 3 slots: morning, afternoon, evening.  You should aim to work **one or two** sessions on any given day.   You may have days when you are away or have other commitments. Make sure you include these things in your plan as well as  things you enjoy doing  eg. time with family, friends, sport, favourite TV programmes etc.

o   Decide which subjects you are going to revise in each slot. You may wish to spend time equally on all your subjects or spend more time on ones you find more difficult.  (You decide what is best for you.)

o   Include breaks – do not try to work for hours on end.

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**How to revise**

o   Revision is an active process not just looking at your work.

o   Make notes – then reduce these further to trigger words or bullet points.

o   Review the work you have done this year.

o   Make a note of the areas that you are finding difficult and discuss these with your teachers when you come back to school.

·      **What to revise**

o   The exams will be based on what you have have learned this year.  You should also receive more specific details from your teachers on what to revise.

·      **How long**

o   I am not able to give you a number of hours.  You need to do enough to show the progress that you have made this year.  You need to do your best.  However, you also need to have a break over the holiday so you should not be working the whole time.

Finally, here is a link to some helpful resources produced by Elevate, a company that helps young people prepare for exams.  <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TeQ-URFKUM0l4TzZfV-2Iu5jAzBzqXeu?usp=sharing>

Best wishes

Mr Crisp