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Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers

I wanted to write to you as we approach the final week before the exam period begins on the 15<sup>th</sup> May. I was pleased with the attendance to school on both days of Industrial Action and Year 11 lessons were largely unaffected. As we approach the exams I wanted to give some general advice about how to support your child:

- Part Time Work – if your child has a part time job it would be in their best interests to reduce hours to the minimum possible for the next month. The next four weeks will be quite intense as students will need time to relax and time to prepare for the next exam. We have found that students with part time roles do not tend to achieve as well as those who prioritise their exams. It will not be long before students will have more time to be able to earn more after the exams are finished.
- Half Term Revision – we will be hosting a number of onsite and online revision sessions in the middle of the exam period. I would encourage as many students as possible to plan to be in school that week in order to take advantage of this extra time.
- Punctuality and Attendance – during the exam period the academy opens to Year 11 students at 8.00am, we will be serving breakfast items free of charge. Each exam will have a session with teachers at 8.25am which is compulsory for all students. The academy will maintain high levels of contact with families during this time to ensure students are on site. One student being late can delay the start of the exam for everyone which is not fair and should not happen.
- Where students have afternoon exams, we will adapt our lunch arrangements as below:

AM Exam		PM Exam	
Arrival:	8.00am	Lunch:	12.25pm – 12.50pm
Pre-Exam Session:	8.25am – 8.55am	Pre-Exam Session:	12.55pm – 1.25pm

In terms of this final week we have a number of Maths and English revision sessions before school:

W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	Maths AM Revision	English AM Revision  Maths AM Revision	Maths AM Revision	Maths AM Revision

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If your child does not have a clear revision plan at this stage then they are placing themselves at a disadvantage compared to their peers across the country. Students should be revising in short periods every day, the work done outside of school will now have the biggest impact. As important as this is students must have rest, time to socialise and be healthy. My main message would be that in 5 weeks time the exams are over – sacrificing a bit of time now could make all the difference.

As I have written in previous letters if you want to ask any questions or have any queries, please do get in touch with me via [Karen.Reay@rrma.org.uk](mailto:Karen.Reay@rrma.org.uk). I am aware that I may be overcommunicating, but it is with the best of intentions. Thank you again for your support, we will do everything we can to help your child achieve their goals.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire  
Principal