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31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to start this letter by congratulating your children for their conduct and commitment to their Mock exams in the past few weeks. I am very proud of our Year 11 students and as we now approach the final few weeks of school I wanted to give you as much advice about how to support your child to maximise their performance.

### **Easter Holiday Revision:**

We are very lucky that a number of staff have volunteered their time to support your child during the Easter Holidays. For some students attendance to these sessions is very important. We will have contacted you already for some of these sessions and students will be given this in writing also.

The timetable for the Easter Holidays is attached to this letter.

### **Exam Information**

#### **How grades are awarded:**

Every mark in every paper counts! GCSE grades are not based on a criteria, grades are awarded after the exams have been marked. Examiners then decide the grades based on a percentage they want to award. This means that the difference between grades can come down to very small margins. By this stage I would expect that all students are spending time outside of school revising regularly. There must be balance between work and rest but every mark counts and can make the difference.

#### **Good Revision Habits:**

Ideally your child should have a quiet place with a desk or table to revise. Music can help but TVs/Games do not. Too much information can overload your child's working memory. If a time plan is already created it means that revision has a start and an end. This will give it more focus. We would advise that a series of short revision sessions on different subjects is probably more effective than one longer session on one subject.

Your child has access to a range of online revision resources, they have been given a laminated timetable and revision cards. Subject teachers will also have issued resources. Revision should only ever be going over information that has already been learned – not trying to learn something new.

#### **When do exams start?**

The first exam is a Biology exam on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. This means that after the Easter Holidays we have 17 school days left. Having good revision habits now will mean that students will progress towards the exam series calmly. If your child has issues with anxiety or worry, it is even more important that time is given to revision now to give more security.

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## Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> April:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
INSET Day		PE Moderation Day		Interview Day

Monday is a great opportunity for students to create their revision plan whilst not being in school. They should use their A3 sheets and exam timetables to plan out their time for the next few weeks. It is a day to make sure all apps are downloaded and access is in place to the different platforms.

Tuesday – Thursday will have revision sessions for different subjects after school. Attendance to these sessions is compulsory and non-attendance will be sanctioned. We would advise that students should spend 3x30 minute sessions on revision after school. In these 3 days they could spend 6 of these sessions on Maths, English and Science with another session for their options. Friday is the Morton Milestone Interview Day – it will be a great experience but lessons will also be happening and students should plan to spread some sessions over the weekend.

## Year 11 SLT Results Evening:

Following the recent mock exams, year 11 students will have had some feedback about their performance in lessons. On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April we also have a formal results evening where your child will receive their mock grades and have a meeting along with yourselves and a member of our Senior Leadership Team. A separate letter has been sent with instructions of how to book an appointment and we look forward to meeting you and your child soon.

## Looking to the future:

We tend to get questions from students regarding how Year 11 comes to an end. Students do not get study leave, we expect students to attend until their final whole group exam on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Year 11s will be invited into the academy on the afternoon of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June for shirt signing. The leavers' assembly will be on the afternoon of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The Prom will follow the week after on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## Parent Support:

Throughout this process please know that you can contact the academy at any time to ask questions about the exams. Feel free to contact myself, Mr Tyler or Mrs Bewley if you have any questions or concerns. I will be writing to you each week to provide any help or guidance I can.

## Attendance:

Attendance is key, there is a clear link between good attendance and good results. I expect all Year 11 to attend school for the final 4 weeks with minimal absence.

Thank you again for your support this year. The staff at Morton Academy are 100% behind the students as they approach their GCSE exams.

Yours sincerely

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Week 1	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Morning</b>	<p><b>History Paper 1</b> 10:00am – 12:00pm Mrs Lynch On site</p> <p><b>DT</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm Mr O’Roarty/Mr Jordan On site</p>	<p><b>History Paper 2</b> 10:00am – 12:00pm Mrs Lynch On site</p> <p><b>DT</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm Mr O’Roarty/Mr Jordan On site</p> <p><b>Geography</b> 10:00am -12:00pm Mrs Robinson/Mrs Ryan Online</p>	<p><b>Art</b> 10:00am – 1:00pm Mr &amp; Mrs Winstanley On site</p> <p><b>NCFE Health and Fitness</b> Unit 2 9.30 – 11.30am Mr Wilson On site</p>	<p><b>Combined Chemistry/Physics</b> 9:00am – 10:00am Miss Coatman/Miss Lee Online</p> <p><b>Combined Chemistry/Physics</b> 10:00am – 11:00am Miss Lee/Miss Coatman Online</p> <p><b>Separates Science</b> 11:00am – 12:00pm Miss Lee/Miss Coatman Online</p>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Afternoon</b>	<p><b>Food</b> 12:00pm – 3:00pm Mrs Jones/Miss Ritson On site</p>	<p><b>Food</b> 12:00pm – 3:00pm Mrs Jones/Miss Ritson On site</p>	<p><b>Maths - Higher</b> 1:00pm-3:00pm Mr Little/Miss Allen Online</p> <p><b>Maths - Foundation</b> 2:00pm-3:00pm Mr Little/Miss Allen Online</p>		



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Week 2	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Morning</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>PE - Paper 1</b> 10:00am – 11:00am Mr Evans/Mrs Evans Online  <b>Spanish - Listening &amp; Reading</b> 11.15am - 12.15pm Mrs Evans/Mr Evans Online	<b>PE - Paper 2</b> 10:00am – 11:00am Mr Evans/Mrs Evans Online  <b>Spanish - Speaking</b> 11.30am - 1.30pm Mrs Evans On site	<b>Performing Arts</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm Miss Smith On site  <b>Computer Science</b> 9.00am – 1.00pm Mr Zasadzinski On site	<b>English</b> 10:00 – 11:30am Mrs Craig On site  <b>Geography - Paper 1</b> 9:00am – 11:00am Mr Richardson On site
<b>Afternoon</b>		<b>Spanish - Writing</b> 12.30am - 1.30pm Mrs Evans/Mr Evans Online			<b>Music</b> 12:00pm-3:00pm Miss Wilkinson On site