



ROCKWOOD
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Dear Parent/Carer

Rockwood is a place where students come first; we are committed to ensuring that our students excel and achieve the very best results in their GCSE summer examinations. In preparation for their GCSE summer examinations we will be offering our students some specialised additional support and a safe place to study out of school hours leading up to their final examinations.

There are **approximately seven weeks** leading to the summer exams; these weeks can be challenging for both students and parents. Research indicates that students who skip breakfast perform significantly lower than their peers. It is also recommended that students manage their time effectively and ensure they take time for some physical activity to promote well-being.

At Rockwood, we have devised a revision programme which incorporates a balance of studying and rewards. In order to deliver this revision programme, we have introduced an earlier start to the academy for Year 11 only. They will have an opportunity to receive small group support from subject specialist and tips on study techniques. The table below shows the new academy day will start at **8.15am** from **Monday 4th March for all Year 11 students**. All students are expected to attend the personalised revision sessions devised for them.

All Year 11 students will follow the programme of study below from **Monday 4th March**.

8:15- 8:30am	All students must arrive for 8.15am Students will be provided with a FREE Breakfast
8:30- 9:05am	All students attend a Personalised revision session
1:25pm	All students have first sitting for lunch followed by personalised revision session
3:15 to 4:45pm (5:00pm on a Wed)	All students continue to attend after school revision sessions
4:45 -6:00pm	Students can opt to use the study space offered which will be supervised by the leadership team. A consent slip must be provided if you would like your child to use this study space until 6:00pm. Places will be limited.

Independent learning makes a valuable contribution to the education and development of our students, particularly in preparation for exams. There will be ZERO tolerance for poor behaviour at these sessions or in the study area.

Important Notices

- Every Saturday, students are expected to attend revision sessions from 9.00am- 1.00pm
- Saturday revision session will finish at 3.00pm from Saturday 11th May – Sat 8th June
- Week commencing 18th March - GCSE Mock Examinations
- Easter revision sessions will take place from 15th April – 26th April, with exception to the Bank Holiday 19th April and 22nd April
- Week commencing 13th May - GCSE examinations start
- Reward trip date to be confirmed

Please find enclosed a copy of the exam and revision calendar to support your child with planning their studies. The calendar also identifies key dates for rewards which will be earned by the students. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further information. We would like to thank you for your continued support with your child.

Yours faithfully



Ms S Darr
Headteacher

~~✂---Please cut off the section below and return to reception by 8th March 2019-----~~

Child's Name _____ Tutor Group: _____

Please tick one of the following

I **GIVE** permission for my child to use the Academy's Study Space until 6.00pm on the following days
(please tick boxes)

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

I **DO NOT give** permission for my child to use the Academy's Study Space until 6.00pm

Parent's Signature: _____ Parent's Name (please print): _____