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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 9 End of Year Summer Exams

The Year 9 exams take place over 3 days, starting on Monday 13th May and ending on Thursday 16th May 2024. Students' last exam is period 1 on Thursday and then students will be expected to return to normal lessons for the rest of that day and on Friday. The exam format is the same as last year and supports students through the examination week, with students having 4 exams each day with allocated slots for revision during the school day. The students will need to bring a fully equipped and ideally transparent pencil case (including equipment) specific to certain subjects, a water bottle, revision materials for that particular day, and a reading book. They will need to register with their form tutor as normal at 8.30am each morning before moving to their designated exam room at 8.35am. They will NOT need their PE kit on any of the exam days - but should check their normal timetable from p2 onwards on Thursday 16th May. They will be following the exam timetable as shown below and students will be provided with a copy of this for their planners with rooming.

Day	1	2	Break	3	4	5	6	7
Mon: 13/5	Revision	Maths 1		Biology	Drama		Revision	Geography
Tue: 14/5	Revision	Chemistry		Revision	MFL2		Comp Sci	Latin
Wed: 15/5	English	Revision		History	FBCS		Revision	Physics
Thu: 16/5	Maths 2	X		Х	X		Χ	X

As always we will be emphasising the importance of having a good breakfast, maintaining good sleep habits, and building breaks from exam preparation into their evening routines. We recommend that students begin revision now and I attached a revision timetable to help students prepare. This is a key time for students to continue to consolidate their revision skills, and students will be supported by all of their teachers with revision tips and guidance.

Key revision tips:

- Spend 30-40 minutes of high concentration time in each time slot.
- Mix up the subjects you do each day.
- Plan which topics you will cover in that time slot so you can start straight away.
- Mix up the styles of revision you do (eg flashcards, mind maps, BBC bitesize KS3,
- Print blank versions of the revision timetable and fill in to plan at revision at home.

We expect students to do their very best in these exams and show both knowledge and understanding about the topics that they have been taught throughout the year in <u>ALL of their subjects</u>. This is important as students begin the transition to KS4 and their GCSE subjects.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at belton-owen_j@bexleygs.co.uk, or your child's tutor via email. Kind Regards,

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