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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Resources available via Showbie

With the mock exams fast approaching, we wanted to update you on the support available to Year 11 students.

Since the start of this academic year, we have been impressing on Year 11 students that time really is of the essence for success in their GCSE exams. The main public exams will commence in May and this means that the majority of teaching in subjects is due to be completed by the start of the Easter break. Students, therefore, have 21 school weeks of learning time before their GCSE exams commence.

In this context, we are advising students to begin their main revision programme focusing on their final exams. In order to support students in doing this, we have created a Showbie folder called 'Year 11 Preparation' which contains a number of important resources. Students can access this folder via the Showbie app on their iPads.

Within the 'Year 11 Preparation' folder there are a number of subfolders which contain the following:

- An overall calendar of all future Year 11 events including all exam dates (mock and public)
- Advice on how to deal with exam stress
- Subject intervention timetables
- Access to past papers
- Revision templates
- Advice on revision strategies/making learning stick and other pertinent subject specific information

These are all live documents that will be updated as appropriate. We would encourage you to look through these folders with your child and support them in creating their revision strategy to help them fully engage with this process.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to increase our focus on exam preparation and maximising success through effective revision techniques via assemblies and form time. From Monday 13 November, Year 11 will also have access to the Learning Resource Centre at lunchtimes, so they can revise in a dedicated quiet space.

We understand that exams can create worry for many students and our experience tells us that early preparation is the most effective and practical measure that students can take.

If you do have any questions, please direct these to Mrs Oliver on Oliverm@hgs.rklt.co.uk in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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