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Dear Student and Parent/Carer for information

Year 13 students have been working with focus and commitment following the mock exams. They have now collected their mock results and are receiving feedback in all subjects. This process is incredibly important as students learn key lessons from these assessments which informs their revision strategy in preparation for the summer exams.

We understand that this can be a stressful time for students, and I want to take this opportunity to provide important information about the support that students have access to both in an out of school.

Supporting success

All subject areas have a clear plan to support students in lessons through teaching new content and setting revision activities over the final 11 weeks of school. The length of dedicated revision time in lessons will vary between subjects, depending on the nature of the content studied. Teachers will continue to set a range of home learning tasks and structured revision tasks which help students to revisit other elements of the course in a focused and purposeful manner. These revision tasks will be set on Arbor for students and are accessible on Showbie.

Subject areas are running a programme of revision sessions on a weekly basis. The timetable for these sessions is published in the weekly Sixth Form Bulletin and promoted with students. Students are also able to study independently in the Study Centre in their timetabled Study periods, designated 'free' periods, and from 8am until 5pm each day.

More broadly, our Progression continues to support students through a series of sessions focusing on revision strategies. Form tutors will work with students to develop a revision timetable and good revision habits, as well as delivering subject specific revision sessions. Dr Aric Sigman will be leading a presentation about managing stress and anxiety around exams on Wednesday 12 February. The Sixth Form Team is also on hand to support students if they have any challenges in their learning or concerns about their studies.

Easter Revision

A programme of revision sessions will run over the Easter holiday. These sessions will run in school between Monday 7 April and Wednesday 9 April. In addition, some sessions will be delivered virtually via Microsoft Teams during the 2-week break.

Whilst we would like to deliver these sessions at no cost to families, we do incur teaching costs for each session. We therefore ask for the following contribution:

3-hour session in school	£12.50
3-hour session via Teams (Drama)	£12.50
1 ½ hour session via Teams	£6.00

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The [Easter revision timetable](#) provides an overview of all sessions offered. We are not able to offer sessions in all subject areas due to the availability of teachers in the holiday period.

To sign up and make payment for these sessions, please select the relevant sessions from the Trip section on the Arbor Parent app. These sessions will be available to book from 9am Monday 10 February and will close at midday on Thursday 3 April.

Exam timetable

The exam times have been published for the summer 2025 series. Please access the [overview timetable](#) for information about the specific dates for each examination unit. Students will receive an individual exam timetable in due course.

Progression beyond the Sixth Form

Students who have applied through UCAS for university courses are receiving offers, and the deadline for students to reply to the offers they receive is 30 June. Students need to think carefully before accepting offers, considering the course content, the location, and the grade requirements. Students will make 2 choices:

Firm acceptance	This is the first choice of university
Insurance acceptance	This is the back-up choice and ideally this should be one with lower offer conditions. This choice will only become relevant if the grades for the firm choice are not met.

Once the choices have been made, the university must honour the offer that has been made by awarding a place if the conditions are met. Students cannot choose between the firm and insurance when results are published in August.

When making choices it is important to consider all the following:

1. Is it the right course? Look at the type of assessment and the specific modules
2. Is the university and the city the right place for you to live for at least 3 years?
3. Are the grades achievable, for a firm choice and for an insurance choice?

Students who have not applied to university are encouraged to access the support available in school to investigate the range of apprenticeships and further education options. If a student has changed their mind, and now wishes to apply to university, they can do so by speaking to a member of the Sixth Form Team and accessing [UCAS Extra](#). A range of apprenticeship and degree apprenticeship opportunities continue to be published in the weekly Sixth Form Newsletter, and students can seek opportunities through [Unifrog](#) and the [Government apprenticeship website](#). Our Careers Advisor, Mrs Mitchell is available for appointments on Monday to Wednesday each week.

Key dates

Smartphones and screen time: Managing them and preventing dependency – Dr Aric Sigman Main Hall at 6pm	Wednesday 12 February
Parent Consultation Evening – in school between 4pm and 7pm	Tuesday 25 February
Leavers' hoodie payment deadline	Wednesday 26 February

Student University Finance advisory evening – The Forum at 6.30pm	Wednesday 5 March
Yearbook payment deadline	Friday 21 March
Deadline to sign up for Easter revision	Thursday 3 April
End of Spring term	Friday 4 April
Start of Summer term	Tuesday 22 April
Leavers' Ball payment deadline	Friday 9 May
Final day of school – leavers' assembly	Friday 9 May
Leavers' Ball	Saturday 28 June
Final date for accepting UCAS offers	Monday 30 June
Results day	Thursday 14 August

I am sure that the final 10 weeks of school will be positive and productive for Year 13 students. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Sixth Form Team via HGSsixthform@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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