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Dear Parent / Carer,

I have been very impressed with the level of effort and work from the year 11 students. I want to thank you for your ongoing effort to support your children in making such a positive start to their final GCSE year.

Between 6th and 17th November 2023, we will be holding the first series of year 11 mock examinations. In preparation for this, we will continue to provide targeted academic support as well as structured revision sessions that will involve both teacher-led activities and supported independent work. To complement these study sessions, every year 11 student has received a revision booklet this week, which I have attached to this letter. It is designed to provide parents with the information to be able to support their children and establish the best study habits, that can be applied both in the academy and at home. Much of the revision activity will be centred around GCSEPod and Seneca, the online study platforms for which we provide free access to all our Key Stage 4 students.

Year 11 students have begun work on careers education and I am delighted to inform you that we have arranged for their one to one careers interview to take place this term, which will help provide focus and motivation towards your child's next steps. Our website contains useful links and resources under the 'for students' section. This includes videos on exam preparation and study skills, containing the CEC revision steps, to help memorise important content for exams. As a reminder from the information evening, these steps are:

Step 1- Highlight the key points on the revision guide **OR** Watch the podcast in full first on GCSEPod

Step 2- Make a flash card/bullet point list/mind map **OR** Watch podcast again, this time pausing to write down key information onto flashcards.

Step 3- Copy out flash card/bullet point list/mind map over and over- x10

Step 4- Test yourself- verbally or in writing- (if you cannot remember, go back to step 3 and repeat)

Step 5- Practice exam question in timed conditions with no notes.

Should you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact info@cowesec.org.

Kind regards,

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