



GRACE COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11,

We have been so impressed by the courage that our Year 11 students have demonstrated over the course of this half term. Our core virtues define courage as being determined to achieve what is worthwhile even in the face of difficulty and so many of our students are doing that every day as they work in their lessons and move around school.

In the first two weeks after the October half term Year 11 will complete a full set of rehearsal examinations. I have had the privilege of working with them over three sessions to look at how we can revise well. In these sessions we have covered how important it is to organise the information we need to know, take notes effectively and then techniques to memorise the key information in these notes. Throughout the sessions the students engaged brilliantly and we have given them a 'revision resource pack' including a notepad, some index cards and key stationery to put to use as they prepare for these assessments.

Our rehearsal examinations give us the opportunity to benchmark our progress towards the GCSE and Level 2 examinations in the Summer. We really want our students to take preparing for these exams seriously and to demonstrate their personal best. If they do this it means that the conversations we have at the Parents' Evening next half term will have integrity as we look to move towards the Summer. We will publish the results of these exams to you on **Friday 3 December**, and the parents' evening is scheduled for **Tuesday 7 December**.

The examination timetable and a booklet outlining the content of each examination is attached to this email. We have structured the timetable so that the examinations take place in the morning and the afternoon is given over to revision sessions led by subject specialists that will prepare students for examinations the following day.

Next Wednesday we would like to invite you to College to hear about what we plan to do to support your child in the weeks and months ahead. The evening will include a short talk from Mr Bland (Head of Upper School) and myself and the opportunity to attend a mini revision session in English, Mathematics and Science.

You can book to attend this event using [this link](#). You can book to attend the talk and carousel of revision sessions at **4:45pm** or to attend the carousel followed by the talk from **5pm**. The evening will finish at **6pm** and we would love to see you.

Yours sincerely,

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