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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 11 Revision sessions

Now that we are in full flow with GCSE examinations, I would firstly like to thank you for your ongoing support during this busy period. Students have been a real credit to themselves; the maturity, dedication and work ethic that they have demonstrated day in and day out during interventions and preparation for exams has been outstanding.

I would also just like to take this opportunity to politely remind you that our stance as an academy is that all students are expected to attend every day and remain in school for the full day, even after they have completed exams. This allows for crucial interventions with subject teachers to take place in preparation for the next exam. Time with expert teachers provides the best targeted support for students ahead of each examination and ensures that all students can go into their exams feeling confident and prepared.

During these sessions it is imperative that your child makes use of the specialist teachers to ensure they reach their full potential. It is crucial that your child attends all the relevant revision sessions as these will have a massive impact on your child's progress and overall success.

I would also like to share some key information that has been provided to us from Childline. The exam period can be extremely busy and can cause a significant amount of anxiety and stress on the students. This might be in the form of putting pressure on themselves to do well, feeling pressure from others, losing sleep over revision, comparing to friends in how well they're doing, or lacking motivation to revise. These are all common themes that unfortunately young people experience during the exam period. As parents/carers, you can support your child by reassuring them that you are there to support them, talk to them and recognise their feelings are valid and help your child to maintain perspective about their exams. If you would like any additional support or information regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

To support your child in reaching their potential in the upcoming examinations we have put together a timetable of revision sessions over the May half term for exams that are scheduled when students return. It is therefore strongly recommended that holidays are not taken over the May half term to ensure students gain full GCSE qualifications in the summer. This has proved highly successful over the last few years and is undoubtedly a valuable experience for your child to succeed.

A reminder for when your child arrives for these revision sessions:

- Only Grace Academy Solihull students in year 11 will be allowed on site for these sessions. Students are not allowed to bring along any siblings or friends who do not go to the academy with them.
- Once students are on site they must remain within the academy until the end of their revision session.
- No uniform is required to be worn for these sessions.

- Please ensure your child brings a drink and snacks as they won't be allowed off site during the session to purchase these.
- Please see the included timetables for subject sessions, which have also been sent out this week.

In addition to the timetabled sessions overleaf, there will also be targeted **art and photography** sessions that students will be invited to separately if they are required to attend.

In relation to attendance, it is also paramount that holidays are not taken within the remainder of the school term as National statistics that show overall good attendance is linked to students' progress.

If you are still unsure which sessions your child should attend, please feel free to contact me, Head of Year 11 lucywoods@graceacademy.org.uk or Assistant Head of Year laston@graceacademy.org.uk. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support in ensuring your child attends these planned sessions.

Yours sincerely

Miss L Woods
Head of Year 11

2025 Year 11 May Half Term Revision Sessions

Date/Time	Subject	Class	Teacher/Room
Tuesday 27th May: 9.00-11.00	Maths	11L1	Mr Lee-364
		11L2	Mr Sharma- 323
		11L3	Miss Jassi- 327
		11R1	
		11R2	Miss Humphris- 321
Wednesday 28th May: 9.00-11.00	English	11R3	
		11R4	
		11R5	
		11l/En1	Miss Adams- 221 Miss Ankers- 223 Miss Lotay-258
		11l/En2	
Thursday 29th May: 9.00-11.00	History	11l/En3	
		11r/En1	
		11r/En2	
		11l/Hi1	Miss Smart- 335 Mr Sudbury-353 Miss Barlow-358
Thursday 29th May: 9.00-11.00	Geography	11l/Hi2	
		11lr/Hi1	
		11r/Hi2	Mrs Mackiewicz-354 Miss Old- 357
Friday 30th May: 9.00-11.00	English	11l/Ge1	
		11r/Ge1	
		11r/Ge2	
Friday 30th May: 9.00-11.00	English	11r/En3	Mr Norbury- 222 Miss Daley- 224
		11r/En4	
Friday 30th May: 9.00-11.00	Chemistry	Triples	Mr Godwin- 140