



WEST HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I would first like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. In this letter you will find some information regarding advice for Year 11 boys in relation to their GCSE preparation and also a reminder of the remaining term dates for this academic year.

Year 11 Revision

As you will be aware the GCSE examination season is quickly approaching and Year 11 boys will be working very hard during lessons in preparation for these very important examinations which will determine the opportunities available to them once they leave West Hill School.

It is essential that the boys are as well prepared for these examinations as is possible. They need to ensure that they work as hard as they possibly can during lesson time; they also need to be doing at least a couple of hours of work each night and on a Saturday and a Sunday in terms of revision and/or homework. They need to ensure that their revision is well planned in advance and that they follow a carefully designed revision timetable.

During the Easter and May half term breaks it is not a time for relaxation. Boys should endeavour to work through these holidays as if they were in school. Revision sessions need to be broken up into manageable time periods of around 45-50 minute sessions with small breaks in between and larger breaks of 30 to 45 minutes after 3 or 4 sessions.

It is also important that as well as working and revising hard it is essential that boys get sufficient exercise, get sufficient sleep, eat healthily and stay hydrated; as this has been shown to have significant positive impact on the levels of concentration and performance of young people.

We ask that you support your son and the school in ensuring that your son is as fully prepared as he can possibly be for this very important stage in his school career.

A polite request West Hill School and local residents.

Although we ask that parents/carers who pick up their son from school in a car to **not come on to the school site**, as doing so poses an increased risk to the health and safety of our boys and staff, we realise that parking on the surrounding roads to the school can be challenging, especially at busy times.

We respectfully request that parents who pick their child up from school and park on the roads near school, to please show the local residents the same common courtesy as they would expect from anyone parking where they live.

Term Dates

School closes for Easter on Thursday 29th March 2018 (please see information in my February letter in relation to the early closing time)

School re-opens Monday 16th April 2018 at 8:45am

School is closed for May Day on Monday 7th May 2018

School closes for half term Friday 25th May 2018

School reopens Monday 4th June 2018 at 8:45am

Yours sincerely

Mr A F Harrison
Headteacher