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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see those of you able to attend the Year 10 evening 'Equipping Parents to Support their Child' on revision on Wednesday evening. In particular, the RE examinations are getting closer and I know students are preparing well with a key focus on revision. For those, who were unable to attend, the slides from the main presentation will be shared. To achieve a positive result in RE, before the start of Year 11, will not only represent important 'currency' for entry to later study, but will also build confidence in strategies adopted up to this point.

There is still a lot of support on offer from the RE Department- please see below for the events still timetabled in April, May and June.

Day/Date/Time	Room	Topic	Staff members
Thursday 23rd March 3.20-4.15pm	H107	Life and death	HL/JJM
Wednesday 29 th March 3.20-4.15pm	H118	Challenging topics	EM/ZOC/JJM
Easter Holiday	TEAMS revision session: Wednesday 12th April (11.30am-12.15pm) Christianity and Islam		
Wednesday 19 th April 3.20-4.15pm	H107	Human rights	HL/JJM
Wednesday 26 th April 3.20-4.15pm	H118	Themes review	EM/JJM
Wednesday 3rd May 3.20-4.15pm	H107	Exam skills (15 markers)	HL/JJM
Thursday 11 th May 3.20-4.15pm	H118	Exam skills (5 and 8 markers)	EM/ZOC
Sunday 14 th May 10.30am-12.30pm	Optional Themes Paper 1 reminders and revision NLS Lecture theatre		
Wednesday 17 th May 3.320-4.15pm Monday 22 nd May	H107 H118	Christianity (Beliefs) Christianity (Practices)	HL/JJM EM/ZOC
Half term	Thursday 1 st June 11.30-12.15pm Teams revision (Islam)		
Monday 5 th June 3.20-4.15pm	H118	Islam (Beliefs and Practices)	EM/JJM

Please note the revision session for next week has changed from Thursday to Wednesday due to the proposed strike action. All sessions on the schedule below will be teacher led.

Circumstances affecting students during the exam period –

Our students have demonstrated throughout this year that they are well prepared for the Summer exam season, which has now returned to pre-pandemic standards and arrangements. We just wanted to take this opportunity to share some key points from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) guidance which we have to follow in the unlikely eventuality that a student is unable to attend an exam or is impacted by circumstances beyond their control, and to highlight some of our school specific procedures to support this. Where it is not possible at the last moment for a student to sit an examination, due to temporary illness, injury etc., or there is some other circumstances where a student can sit the exam but is adversely impacted by something beyond their control **at the time of the assessment** then the awarding body **may** make some form of special consideration.

The awarding of special consideration for circumstances at the time of the assessment is at the discretion of the awarding body, in line with the [JCQ Guidance for Special Consideration](#) and only goes a small way to compensating for any situation rather than replicating necessarily the student's full capability. Wherever possible it is usually in the best interest of a student to sit the examination.

All examinations measure what a student knows and can do at the time of the assessment, and awarding bodies do not consider longer term circumstances that may have prevented a student from reaching the standards they may otherwise have done.

If there is a situation where a student cannot attend or is experiencing difficulties then we ask:

- Parents/Carers to phone into school before 8:30am if a student is unable to attend on the day explaining the reason why.
- Where a student is able to attend exams but is impacted by something such as injury, family bereavement etc. please inform the exams team as soon as possible by e-mailing exams@northleamington.co.uk.

The Exams team will then be in touch to discuss how we can support and to liaise regarding any paperwork and evidence that would be needed if it was appropriate to make a request for special consideration to the awarding body. If you do have any queries please contact exams@northleamington.co.uk

By early next week students' will have received a copy of their examination timetable including seating numbers, and any queries should be sent to exams@northleamington.co.uk

Results Day Year 10

A reminder that GCSE results day for Year 10 is on Thursday 24th August. We will post home all results that day, however if any students would prefer to collect their result in person they can do this at 9:15am from school. Results can only be collected by the student themselves.

Work Experience

Just over a fifth of the year group have uploaded their placements onto the Grofar Careers platform which is quite low compared to this time last year.

I am receiving alerts daily for students as they upload them. Please remember the initial deadline for securing a placement and uploading it to the Grofar platform is Monday 1st May.

Mrs Barley Morey has resent an email invitation to all Year 10 students and set the information on how to upload the placement details as a G4S homework for all students. There will also be an opportunity for students to upload their placement details, with support from Mrs Barley-Morey, in school during tutor time on Friday 28 April.

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