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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to express my gratitude for all your engagement with the school to support your child through this important year in their educational journey. I have been really impressed by our Year 11 students showing excellent commitment to their learning. I visit many Year 11 students in their academic tutor groups and I always see focused and positive learners everywhere I go. I also frequently make an appearance to Year 11 lessons to see how they are rehearsing different themes with their teachers, praise them and talk to them. It is highly commendable to see that so many students are really taking the lead in their learning by engaging with everything that school offers. It is apparent from our interactions with them that many really understand the importance and value of working together with their teachers at every opportunity.

Year 11 and year 13 students are embarking on their exams season soon and structured revision has been taking place at a steady pace to support students every lesson, every day. We are here to support every student so that they go to their exams fully equipped, level headed, brimming with knowledge and skills, ready to showcase them throughout the exam season with confidence, determination and pride.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the Family Learning event this term. All the information linked to the Year 11 revision and exam preparation can be found [here](#).

Mastery sessions are taking place for the core subjects. It was amazing to see more than 100 students benefiting from the expert coaching led by the English team. On Wednesday students immersed themselves into their sciences and thus revised the prioritised content with the science team. And the number of students attending was similarly high. After the holidays, the maths team will take the helm of the Mastery sessions to consolidate the key topics with all our students. We emphasise the importance of attending all the revision sessions on offer: students are fully supported and their time is effectively dedicated to navigate their preparation and rehearsals at this important time in their education.

As you are aware, revision sessions take place daily after school as well. We cannot emphasise enough how important it is for all the students to be with their subject teachers in their learning environment to access this invaluable support beyond the school day. Attendance at these carefully designed sessions will enable them to fit in their relaxation activities and have a clear direction on how to rehearse learning material impactfully beyond their classroom independently.

Revision sessions run every day after school, from 3-4pm.

- Monday: Science
- Tuesday: MFL and option subjects
- Wednesday: Maths
- Thursday: Humanities
- Friday: English

Where a student has been invited to their specific targeted support session, these continue running as per the invitations from individual subjects.

Sparx and Tassomai club runs every morning from 8.15am in the library. This enables the students to maintain that frequent and focused but proportionate retrieval practice.

Immersing into learning in the morning through a short and intensive activity creates a great cognitive stimulation that then inevitably enables the student to be a clear and effective thinker during their lessons from the outset. What a great way to start a school day!

Research related to frequent and sustained engagement with the Tassomai and Sparx learning platforms shows that it leads directly to an improvement in outcomes, including the exam results. We absolutely want our Falmouth School students to benefit from these accessible resources that are available to them every day. We kindly ask for your support to navigate your son/daughter towards these learning tools and encourage them to exceed their goals as they can make incremental gains and substantially benefit.

A number of revision sessions are taking place over the Easter holidays and we thank you for supporting your child attending these as much as possible. Whilst enjoying a well-earned rest, the structured and expertly prepared revision sessions on offer by dedicated teaching staff can greatly maximise self-assurance and further independent revision.

At Falmouth Sixth Form the level of interest for the pursuit of qualifications with us is substantially higher than last year. We envisage that many of our students will continue pursuing with us their next set of qualifications. Our students can continue embracing their love for learning with the expert teachers who know them really well already and who can smoothly build on their existing skills to further their skills and knowledge repertoire in the post-16 qualifications. Their smooth transition into the next phase of learning in an already familiar learning environment with all the well-established learning routines will have a positive impact from the outset when embarking on that journey. We want all our students to know that you will always be part of the Falmouth Family. If your plans change regarding the post-16 provision and you decide that you would like to further your education with us here, we will always welcome you back to support you as best as we can.

Attendance at the Year 11 Prom represents an earned reward, it is not a given. We have high ambition for all students and we monitor students' engagement with their education to ensure that the celebratory event truly marks the culmination of students' efforts. We expect students to positively engage with us over the exams season, working proactively with their subject teachers, maintaining high attendance, excellent conduct, arriving punctually and getting immersed, from start to completion, in their revision lessons and exams

Once more again, I greatly appreciate all the support and collaboration you have been providing as with your valuable engagement we can accomplish so much together for the benefit of our students at Falmouth School.

For any further advice or information please do not hesitate to get in touch with us through enquiries@falmouthschool.net and signpost your enquiry to Mrs Miller, Year 11 Learning Leader.

Have a marvellous Easter break,
Lenka Chanter