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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: A Level Exam Season

I am writing to share the details of our comprehensive plan as Year 13 students approach their final summer public examinations. This period marks the culmination of two years of hard work, and we are committed to providing the structured environment necessary for every student to excel.

The examination season begins shortly, with **Art** and **Photography** examinations taking place from **Wednesday 29th April** to **Friday 1st May**. The first written A Level examination, **Economics Paper 1**, follows on **Monday 11th May**, with the season concluding with **Maths Paper 3** on **Thursday 18th June**.

The Success Timetable

To maximize the time remaining, we are implementing a **Success Timetable** effective from Monday 27th April. This dynamic schedule allows teachers to bid for extra revision sessions during students' normal study periods. Furthermore, as courses are completed, those newly available lesson blocks will be repurposed for targeted revision. For example, once English Literature finishes the first Monday after half term, those periods will be utilized by other subject teachers for additional expert-led support.

Please note that this specialized Success Timetable will run until **Wednesday 10th June**. After this date, as the majority of examinations will be complete, students will have an adapted timetable and be expected to attend only their remaining timetabled lessons and scheduled exams.

Boosters and Warm Ups

To ensure students approach every paper with confidence and clarity:

- **Exam Boosters (3:00pm–4:00pm):** These will take place the afternoon before every single examination. These are unmissable opportunities for students to receive final, high-impact guidance from their expert teachers.
- **Exam Warm-ups:** These are the perfect way to begin an examination day. For morning exams, sessions start at **08:00**. For afternoon exams, warm-ups will be conducted during **Periods 3** and **4**.

Attendance at both the afternoon boosters and morning warm-ups is **compulsory**. These sessions are designed to consolidate knowledge, address last-minute misconceptions, and ensure students are in the right mindset for success.

All the strategies listed above are also explained in this short video, which is also in the MCAS message:

https://youtu.be/8WRiK5bBtJ0

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Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership during this exciting time. We are incredibly confident that with the right level of resilience and consistency, our students will achieve the fantastic outcomes their dedication deserves. We are very proud of them. We very much look forward to celebrating these achievements with the students at the **Sixth Form Celebration Evening** on **Thursday 18th June**.

Yours faithfully,

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