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Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

We are now only weeks away from the start of exam season and I urge our students to continue to remain focused and they know that we are supporting them every step of the way. Yesterday, Y11's had the option of attending a workshop run by "Bromley Y" on 'coping with exam stress'. We sincerely hope this gave students ideas on how to further develop their strategies as well as coping mechanisms in order to support them leading up to and including the exam period.

Following on from that, we invite parents to attend a meeting on "supporting your son through exam season" on <u>Wednesday 11 May from 5.00pm to 6.00pm</u>. We believe that by giving parents information and tools they can in turn provide support from home.

Thank you to all those that attended Y11 Parents Evening last night. I hope that you found this beneficial and received crucial advice on how to support your son in the lead up to his exams. Please ensure that your son is revising at home using his class notes and revision resources. You can also help by testing him using the subject's Kemnal Keys. Please encourage your son to attend the intervention sessions during the school day as well as those that are on Saturdays. Details of all extra intervention is available to view on the website.

Reading is still a priority at College and we are now seeing exciting new data coming through on how much progress students have made with their reading. As you know, all students take part in guided reading sessions and this then allows staff to match texts to student's current reading abilities. Guided reading gives students the skills to evaluate and reflect which is vital during any exam.

As well as reading, the school is always striving to ensure that our students attend school. We regularly reward forms/year groups for best attendance and there is a healthy rivalry between Heads of Years as to which group has had the best weekly attendance. This week's winner is Y11's with 94.9%.

All years have now moved over to summer sports namely, athletics, softball, rounder's and cricket. Our athletics track has been newly painted and the PE Department is currently working on putting together cricket fixtures for all year groups. I look forward to reporting on that in the next few weeks.



You will remember from previous letters of webinars hosted by "Bromley Y" which is a Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service for Children and Young People. These webinars are full of information, tools and strategies that can help in any home setting and attached to this letter are details of the sessions they are holding as well as further information on the support they offer: -

All that remains is to wish you a pleasant Bank Holiday weekend and as always, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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