



Headteacher: Mrs L Ayling BA (Hons) NPQH

December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Revision apps

It is only a matter of weeks now until your daughter sits her final examinations at school. Between now and the first examination in May, a range of different support strategies will be offered.

Here are some key dates:

Thursday 11 January 2018	Trial Exam Results issued.
Thursday 25 January 2018	Progress Evening. An opportunity to meet with your daughter’s teachers to really focus on where she needs to focus her revision in the final few weeks and to have an up to date view of her current progress.
Thursday 1 March 2018	Progress Update issued indicating current progress.
Monday 14 May 2018	First examination. Examination season begins.
Thursday 21 June	Final examination. End of examination season.

Last month you received a copy of:

- Revision and intervention sessions
- Examination Timetable for summer examinations
- Revision Planning document

Copies are available from the school website under the ‘Letters’ section with the title, ‘Trial Examinations Preparation’. Please refer to these documents to help to support your daughter.

Following the letter, we then ran a workshop in school focusing on Revision Strategies; the girls had time to use the strategies to discover what worked most effectively for them in readiness for their trial examinations. A copy of this resource can be found on the website under the ‘Teaching’ section, then ‘Revision’ and then ‘Y11 Revision Strategies Workshop’.

This week during assembly we have introduced the girls to four revision apps for English, Mathematics, Humanities (History and Geography) and Science. We are able to fund the purchase of the first three listed and have demonstrated how to use the apps for effective revision; these apps are provided by a company called PiXL – www.pixl.org.uk and their research demonstrates that, if students use the apps as part of their revision plan, there is a positive impact on their final results. We have also demonstrated the Science app provided by a company called Tassomai – www.tassomai.com. We are able to offer

the Science app at a discounted price of £20 per student. Please complete the attached reply slip to order this app for your daughter. Payments can be made online via ParentMail or via the Finance Office daily between 8.30-9am. **All payments must be received by Monday 15 January** (Please note that we may not be placing another order after this date and would advise taking this opportunity if you wish to purchase). We have had this app highly recommended and one school referred to it as, 'a game changer' in terms of impact on revision and final outcomes. Please refer to the Tassomai website for more details.

Login details for all four apps will be shared with your daughter when she returns after the Christmas holiday to really kick start the new year. In the meantime, you may find it useful to visit the websites to look at the benefits of each app. PiXL are not offering any other subject apps at this time, they do, however, offer a range of high quality resources and these will be used alongside our usual high quality teaching.

Revision and intervention sessions will continue to run and we would recommend that you talk these sessions through with your daughter to enable her to manage her time effectively.

Should you have any concerns or questions during this important time, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Tang (Progress Leader) and we will be happy to help. We look forward to welcoming you to school on Thursday 25 January for your daughter's final Progress Evening.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Geraldine Fraser
Deputy Headteacher

REVISION APPS - REPLY SLIP:

Please return to the school office by Monday 15 January with payment (if required).

Student Name: Form:

I understand that the apps for English, Maths and Humanities (History and Geography) have been provided and that my daughter will have access from January 2018

In addition to this I would like to purchase the Tassomai Science app at a cost of £20

I have paid online

I have enclosed correct cash/cheque payable to Prenton High School

*please tick as appropriate

Parent/Carer signature:

By signing this letter, I am confirming I have parental responsibility for the child named.