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Dear Parents/ Carers,

The purpose of this letter is to share with you the arrangements for the exam season and to outline advice and support available for you and your child during this crucial time.

Study Plus at Penair:

At Penair, we operate a Study Plus programme during the intense exam period. The purpose of this programme is to provide students with focused and intense revision workshops immediately preceding the imminent exams. This means that the more traditional/historic study leave no longer exists. Your child is expected to attend full days in school until **Friday 15 June**.

Up until **Friday 11 May**, your child will be expected to attend all of their timetabled lessons. From **Monday 14 May** until **Friday 15 June**, where your child has already completed their exam(s) for a subject, they will be able to be 'booked' by another teacher for those timetabled lessons. If a student is timetabled for a lesson in which they have already sat their exam(s) and have not been booked, they will still be expected in that lesson and should bring revision material for another subject of their choice. Students can be 'booked' by staff at least 24 hours' in advance of a lesson; form tutors will share the master spreadsheet on a daily basis with their tutor group so that students know their arrangements for the following day and can plan accordingly.

We have run this style of programme for the last 3 years' and know that it has contributed significantly to improved outcomes for students as both individuals and as a group. The additional benefit of this programme is that it enables staff to organise whole class/ small group/ one-to-one support for their students. Year 11 will be familiarised with the programme in an assembly on **17 April**.

Revision materials and online resources:

Our expectation is that students should be completing upwards of 10 hours of revision per week. Short, sharp bursts of revision have been proven to be more beneficial. As well as using text books, revision guides, past papers, exercise books and tasks/resources attached by teachers on Class Charts, many students have found the following online resources helpful:

Pixl Apps: Available for English Literature, Math's, Geography and History.

MathsWatch

Mymaths

Tassomai – Science

Linguascope

Quizlet

Getrevising.co.uk

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Every department has set upward of 2 hours of revision for your child to complete over the Easter Vacation. Please log in to Class charts to access this information.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break			DT - T33		
Lunch	MFL - SKR C62 Yr10/11 (individual 1:1 sessions until the Yr11 speaking exam is done on May 3 rd) Drama/Dance- after the Easter hols.	MFL - JLN MFL - HLI	ENGLISH GEOGRAPHY MFL – BCD Drama/Dance- after the Easter hols. GCSE Business Studies - ECT C88	PE (ICT breakout area) MUSIC C23	ENGLISH KS4 drop-in clinic MFL – BCD SKR C62 Yr11 (Individual 1:1 sessions until the Yr11 speaking exam is done on May 3 rd then exam revision).
After school		MATHS Foundation only MFL – HLI HISTORY from Tuesday 17th April	SCIENCE MFL – BCD Drama/Dance Students must make appointments in advance.	MATHS Higher only MUSIC C23	ART GCSE Computing & ICT ALL & JXG C85 & C86

What other help is available?

Below is a timetable of revision sessions held weekly for any student in year 11 to attend. These will continue until students have sat their final exams for that subject.

To reward commitment to revision, students will be allocated 1 point for every revision session attended up to **Friday 15 June**. 15 points will gain a £5 Love to Shop voucher; 15 points will gain a £10 Love to Shop voucher; 50 points will gain £25 in Love to Shop vouchers. A student may choose money off their Leavers' Ball ticket if they prefer.

C87 is open only to year 11 students during lunchtimes (when there are no exams taking place); it is also open after school as a quiet room for year 11 only.

I hope that your child, with your invaluable support, will make the very best use of their time and the resources available in the lead up to and completion of these very important examinations.

Friday 15 June is the last compulsory day of attendance for year 11. After this date, students will only be expected to attend school for examinations. The arrangements for their last day will be shared in due course.

The **Year 11 Leavers' Ball** will take place at Falmouth Pavilions from 6.30pm-11pm on **Friday 22 June**. Further information will be available and communicated shortly.

Finally, I look forward to welcoming you and your child to Penair School from 9.30am on **Thursday 23 August 2018** to receive and celebrate their GCSE results. It has been a pleasure working with you and your child over the last 5 years and I wish them every success in the next few months that follow.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lauren Miller
