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Dear Parents

Thank you for your continuing support this year. We have a few more requests to make of you as pupils make their final exam preparations. To make this most effective in terms of timing, we have tweaked the original calendar slightly to build on the superbly well supported first Parents' Evening on Thursday 19th January.

Here are two more really important events for your diary:

- **21st March Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm**
- **25th April Spring Prize-giving and Exam Period Information Evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm**

**1) 21st March Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm**

- This is the final such event before the exams begin; so a crucial one to attend. It would be superb to see you all there. Staff will give subject specific advice about what needs to be done in the final stage of preparation for the exam period. Pupils will book appointments via the mentoring sessions as previously

**In addition: -**

- There will be a drop in spot with advice/strategies for coping with exam stress. No appointment is needed. We all get anxious over exams but there are simple things you can do that will help.
- There will be a drop in spot demonstrating different revision techniques/strategies that can be applied across the subjects.
- All pupils will be given a 'Get Revision Cracked' booklet full of ideas, templates and strategies for successful revision.
- We will gather/check the personal details needed for the examination boards as you enter. This will ensure that the correct details are printed on those all-important certificates!
- You will receive your child's final exam timetable and some basic information (See 25<sup>th</sup> April below) about how the final term will work on a practical day to day basis. We will be doing a lot of follow up work on planning revision at school during mentoring and across subjects.
- Next destinations - all pupils should have applied for college and looked into apprenticeships by now. They know this! We have been supporting pupils through this process far more than would normally be the case but we need to confirm with parents if offers have been made and accepted. Any pupil without a future destination will be picked up on 21<sup>st</sup> March in preparation for a careers session in



Ashford on 23rd March. Thank you to those who have confirmed onward destinations.

- Below is the ***Easter School Revision Schedule***. Pupils will register for this at this Parents' Evening: -

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10.00 -12.00 English  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 10.0 - 12.00 Maths  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 9.00- 12.00 Science  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 - 2.00 - Catering, Art, Textiles, RM  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 10.00-12.00 History, Geography, French

## **2) 25th April Spring Prize-giving and Exam Period Information Evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm**

The purpose of this event is two-fold: -

- The staff and governors would like to invite you all to a short celebration of the work, achievements and efforts made by pupils so far this school year. This will be the final prize-giving of what still is a truly momentous year which we need to mark together.
- Because of our special circumstances, we are in fact able to provide all pupils with a continuing programme of revision lessons during the exam period right up to the final exam - not something which can be done normally. Each pupil will be given a bespoke revision programme designed by us around their individual exam entries. I will explain this to you and talk through how our days will operate after the half term holiday at the end of May when we are right in the middle of the exam season. We will also explain the exam procedures and expectations, arrangements for receiving results and delivery of exam certificates.

You can confirm your attendance for this event at the Parents' Evening - that will help us to get the catering right! There will be lots of achievement certificates and prizes!

Finally, there can be no doubt at all that this year: -

- a) is going quickly
- b) has seen pupils work harder than they ever have done and maybe actually enjoy their time at school... they might even admit that to us now...
- c) is seeing pupils make some tremendous progress which we can turn into some great results if we make the most of this final push!

With your support, these two events should help us to bring this wonderful year to a really successful end in August when the results come out! If you have any questions, please just ask by telephoning Mrs Rollinson, Head's PA on 01303 277161 ext. 2203 or email [rollinsons@pentvalley.com](mailto:rollinsons@pentvalley.com).

Please also confirm your attendance for the Parents' Evening either by email to [rollinsons@pentvalley.com](mailto:rollinsons@pentvalley.com) or via the reply slip attached.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and we all look forward to seeing you again on 21<sup>st</sup> March.



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