

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. Firstly, I would like to introduce myself; my name is Mr D Sears and I am the Assistant Principal assigned to Year 11. I feel that it is important to make reference to the fact that it has been a positive start by the year group at the end of what has been a very challenging time for us all.

During my first assembly, I felt it to be of great importance to emphasise to students the need to begin their revision process as soon as possible in an effort to give them the best possible opportunity for success in the GCSE examinations; **your support in this process will also be invaluable**. You will find below a range of revision strategies that you can encourage your son/daughter to use to further strengthen their knowledge and understanding of subjects across the curriculum:

- Regular testing
- Complete note taking activities and then condensing these
- Developing Mind maps in relation to areas of insecurity
- Creation of Flow charts
- Flash cards
- The use of Mnemonics as a memory device
- Development of subject-specific glossary
- Completion of past papers and questions, particularly in challenging topics or skill areas
- Encouraging discussion with relevant subject teachers in relation to advice and guidance

You will also find below a link to the website for Elevate Education. They are an award-winning organisation that has worked closely with schools in an effort to support students in becoming more effective learners. Elevate are also offering some fantastic opportunities for parents to be involved in online seminars which will offer strategies that are designed to help you as parents to further motivate your son/daughter, but also give you an insight into effective revision strategies would be most appropriate for use. These are two factors which will be crucial in ensuring success in the upcoming GCSE examinations. The first Parental seminar will be taking place on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm**; this will be held virtually and is free of charge. To have access these seminars, you will need to register through the link below.

<https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register/>

I hope that you find this opportunity to be one which will be of use. In the event that you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01708-630002 extension 143 or via email [searsd@brittons.havering.sch.uk](mailto:searsd@brittons.havering.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully



**MR D SEARS**  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL YEAR 11**