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Dear students, parents and guardians,

It has been great to see Year 11 return focused and positive at the start of this term. We are all conscious that the exam season is now going to feel very close for students, but we are pleased to have seen students engage in the revision sessions staff have run over the Easter break.

Running until Wednesday 8th May, we will follow this revision schedule for after-school sessions:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
English / History	Geography	Maths / Business

After this point, we will run a bespoke schedule, based more closely around the exam timetable as it runs during the remainder of the year. I will send confirmation of these sessions out later this term.

Please note that all students are required to be in school, as normal, throughout this term. Parents may request for students to be on study leave from after May half term only. Throughout Terms 5 and 6, students will continue to be expected to wear full school uniform as normal.

All students and parents should be aware, also, that we will run short exam briefings in the main hall in the twenty minutes before all exams. These are intended to reassure students as to how to tackle the paper, as well as highlighting one or two tricks to maximise their marks. It is, as such, important that all students' punctuality is excellent over the exam period, in the same way as any other school day.

Finally, it is always important to keep things really simple and focused in the final few weeks before exams. The following three pieces of advice, based on research and our experience, have the greatest impact:

- 1) Students should focus on the topics within subjects they find most difficult;
- 2) Each of these topics should be revised for 30 minutes in a focused way – be this through creating cue cards, mind-maps or another method;
- 3) Students should rehearse remembering – this could be through completing past paper questions, being quizzed on key topics, or writing out key knowledge from memory.

Year 11 students have shown throughout their time at FCC that they are able to make significant progress; we are looking forward to supporting them to make these final strides in these last weeks before their exams begin.

Yours sincerely,

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