

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, we are well into the GCSE season. There has been a very positive atmosphere in school, with exams completed in English Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Maths and History. We are very proud of how Year 11 are approaching all of this with maturity, focus and great relationships with their teachers.

### Half Term Support

We are running exam support in maths, history and English Language over half term. There will also be some online maths support for selected students.

The programme will run as follows:

Day	Subject	Time	Teacher	Notes
Monday 25 May	Maths	10-12	Mr Huntington / Mr Noon	<i>Usual maths groupings</i>
Tuesday 26 May				
Wednesday 27 May	History	10-12 + 12 – 2pm	Mr Clayton	<i>While one group is doing history with Mr Clayton, the other group will be doing a 'Walking Talking Mock' in English with Mr Hall</i>
Wednesday 27 May	English Language Paper 2 – Walking Talking Mock	10-12 + 12 -2pm	Mr Hall	<i>See above</i>  <i>See below for info re: 'Walking Talking Mock'</i>
Thursday 28 May	Maths Online Tuition	10-12pm	Mr Huntington to support	<i>Selected students receiving additional online tuition either in school or at home.</i>
Friday 29 May	Maths Online Tuition	10- 1pm	Mr Huntington to support	<i>Selected students receiving additional online tuition either in school or at home.</i>

The 'Walking Talking Mock' in GCSE English Language Paper 2 on Wednesday 27 May involves a structured run through for the final exam. The teacher talks through the exam, giving students key support and guidance, with time allowed to complete each question in 'real time'. This is a proven method of building confidence, particularly where there has been a gap between the latest teacher input and exam practice. I have previously worked as a Teacher of English and Head of English across various settings and will be delivering this.

**All students studying GCSE English Language can attend one of these two sessions on Wednesday.**

Mr Clayton has informed GCSE History students of their individual times for the history session.

We are writing separately to parents of students who have been selected for the online sessions.

It is important over half term that students maintain the brilliant start. Obviously, they should spend some time recharging after the first two weeks of the exams. However, they should maintain revision (between 2-4 hours of revision on average each day) so that they can build on the strong start. The final results are generated by adding up the scores from across all the papers so your children need to maintain the momentum and not relax too much (!) Teachers will be setting structured revision and practice tasks for your child to complete during the break.

It is natural for this to feel like a stressful time. It is understandable and very much part of the exam season. For some students, however, the exam season can feel overwhelming. If you are concerned about how your child is feeling, please contact our Head of Upper School Mrs Williams [jwilliams@cape.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:jwilliams@cape.tpacademytrust.org) or your child's tutor Mrs Parkyn [pparkyn@cape.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:pparkyn@cape.tpacademytrust.org) or Mr Clayton [jclayton@cape.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:jclayton@cape.tpacademytrust.org)

Once the exams are finished, we are looking forwards to welcoming your children back for their Leavers' Morning on Tuesday 16 June and of course the prom on Thursday 24 June. I hope that this update is useful and we hope to see lots of your children in school for the additional sessions.

Please indicate the sessions that your child will be attending [here](#)

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Hall  
**Headteacher**