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Dear Parents and Carers

In order to help students and their parents/careers prepare for the examinations and formal assessments, Ofqual have published a collection of resources, links and documents which can be found <u>here</u>.

These resources include A guide for students on coping with exam pressure, which has been developed by specialists from Liverpool John Moores University. There are specific areas of support, which include:

- work to understand test anxiety
- a student perspective on feeling pressure about exams
- ways school staff can help students who are feeling anxious
- managing the time between finishing exams and results being issued

Ofqual have also published <u>a collection of links to guides and advice</u> published by other organisations and specialists and a <u>review of published literature on the topic of test anxiety</u> which may be of some help.

As you are aware, Year 11 students have a series of assessments that start the week beginning Monday 14 March. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the assessment timetable and share the following key information:

- The majority of the assessments will be 45 minutes.
- Students will be provided with revision guidance by their subject teachers.
- The venue(s) for these assessments will be shared with students nearer the time via the school notices, which are shared during morning registration.
- Appropriate provision will be made for those students who have agreed access arrangements. Where this means a student will be seated in a different room, they will be notified individually.

Assessment Timetable

		Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
week 2	14 March			History		
week 2	15 March					
week 2	16 March					11C RS
week 2	17 March			11C Spanish	11A Spanish	
week 2	18 March	English Literature				





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		Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5				
week 1	21 March			Computer Science						
week 1	22 March	German								
week 1	23 March			11D Economics	11B Economics					
week 1	24 March	Geography				English Language				
week 1	25 March	Physics								
week 2	28 March	FRINGE - students will be off timetable on this day								
week 2	29 March		French			Chemistry				
week 2	30 March			D&T and Food						
week 2	31 March		11D PE 11D Music	11C PE 11C Music						
week 2	1 April									
EASTER HOLIDAYS										
week 1	22 April	Biology								
week 2	27 April	Maths								

If a student believes that their performance in these assessments may be affected by an event that is outside of their control at the time of, or immediately before, the assessment (such as illness, family crisis or bereavement), then they need to make us aware via this Google form. The Google form will remain 'live' for the duration of these assessments. Any information you wish us to take into consideration must be submitted by Friday 29 April, at the very latest. This information will not be used to adjust marks at this time, but will be taken into consideration if GCSE examinations are cancelled and we are required to use these assessments as part of the grading process.

Yours sincerely

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