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Dear students and parents,

The following information is for Foundation* and 2A** students who have public exams this coming summer. (**students completing their Level 2 Foundation year, **students in the second year of their Level 3 courses*)

With the first public exams starting on the 27th of April, we are only 7 weeks away from the summer exam season. I am sure that revision is well under way as students bring together their learning from across the entirety of their courses. I would like to draw your attention to the support offered at Collyer's and to some important points of information.

1. For all subjects with public exams this summer, students will be following a **schedule of structured revision** set by their teachers that started on the 23rd of February. Subject's structured revision schedules can be found on the subject SharePoint site. All students must follow the structured revision activities, and parents are encouraged to help their son/daughter complete the structured revision activities by asking their son/daughter for a copy of the structured revision schedule. Structured revision is designed to help students pace their revision, but students should not limit their activity to just the tasks set as part of the structured revision schedule. Your son/daughter's teachers will not mark structured revision work, but will periodically monitor its completion.
2. It is inevitable that students will find themselves working hard towards their summer exams. However it is important that students settle on a **healthy approach to revision**. Regular revision is required, but students must avoid burn out by revising into the small hours. Regular breaks (5-10 minutes of break for every 30-45 minutes of revision), and early nights are the key.
3. It is perfectly normal for students to feel some level anxiety on the lead up to their exams. But, if that anxiety reaches a point that becomes too much to cope with, students should **speak to their tutor** who will point them in the direction of **support at Collyer's**. Students must not suffer in silence.
4. The best approach to revision is via **past paper practice**. All subjects have past papers on their SharePoint sites for students to print out and complete. Students should then mark their completed past papers and of course focus on the areas they are not so confident with. Flashcards and revision notes may be helpful dependent upon the subject, but past paper practice really is the key to success.
5. All subjects offer weekly **workshops**. Students should utilise these on the lead up to the summer exams.
6. Some subjects will be offering **revision sessions** over the Easter break and on the lead up to the summer exams. Details of these will be communicated by subject teachers.



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7. Please very **carefully check the Exams tab on MyProgress** for dates, times and locations of exams. Please also carefully read the exams information documents on the Exams tab of MyProgress that cover appropriate conduct during exams alongside other important information. Collyer's is duty bound to report an instances of student misconduct during exams to the appropriate awarding organisation.

With continued sensible and healthy preparation for the summer exams all students will be able to reach their full potential. Regardless of where a student feels they are in their preparations for the summer exams, all work completed from now until completion of their exams will move them closer to their goal.

May I wish all students sitting public exams this summer the very best of luck.

Kind regards,

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