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Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

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Dear Parents and Carers of Students in Years 10,11,12 and 13,

Many of you will already be aware of our central revision strategy. We are hoping that sharing this with you will help you have purposeful conversations at home that support the revision process. The most important message that we need students to know is that revision isn't just a one-off cramming session, it happens over time.

Our strategy takes place in three stages:

1. The Preparation Stage. This is where students organise their revision, they create useful resources – like mindmaps or cue cards using the content from their courses. Here they build a bank of resources that they will use in the next stages of revision.
2. The Performance Stage. After creating resources students must test their knowledge and understanding. This is by far the most important stage that allows them to develop an awareness of exactly how much they know and how confident they are using the content. Here students test themselves, there are a number of ways they can do this from re-creating a mindmap from memory, teaching someone else a topic without notes (this is a great way to get involved if you can) through to the undoubtedly best strategy – testing themselves in timed conditions using an example question.
3. The Progress Stage. Not a 'stage' so much, more a reminder that this all takes place over time. Staff will regularly remind students that revision is ongoing and that an approach of 'little and often' works really well. The Preparation Stage can take place briefly at home reviewing each lesson from the day and adding the material to a larger revision resource. The Performance Stage can take place following every topic covered by simply attempting questions from the topic in exam conditions.

You will hear us refer to these stages throughout the coming months, at parents evenings, in tasks we set for the students and at information evenings. Your support with the ongoing revision process is really helpful.

Kind regards

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