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Dear Parents

I hope that you enjoyed the recent half term break. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a number of events taking place in the coming weeks.

PPEs & Revision

Next week, starting Monday 28 February, students will be sitting their second set of PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations). Timetables have already been issued for these. Students are being prepared for these exams this week.

Booster sessions continue during form time and as of the timetable below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		GCSE PE in D0.03 at Lunchtime		Drama - Lunchtime
German 3-4pm	Maths Club 3-4pm	Maths GCSE Revision 3-4pm	Art C30/C31 3-4pm	
	Science in A16 3-4pm	Additional Maths Lessons 3-4pm	Food E25 3-4pm	
	Art C30/C31 3-4pm	DT E25 3-4pm		
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	History Revision 3-4pm			
	Health And Social Care coursework catch up 3-4pm C34			



Students have a range of revision resources to use including revision books and workbooks specific to their subject. They should also be using GCSEPOD and their 50 Questions booklet, which was given to all students before half term.

There will be a further opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with staff on **Thursday 17 March** when we hold our second online Year 11 Parents' Evening. Bookings will open on Monday 7 March.

On **Wednesday 23 March at 6pm** we will be holding a revision evening, where there will be a chance to meet key staff and hear about suggested revision strategies to help you support your child in preparing for the final GCSE examinations.

Rewards

We want to reward a good approach to learning by Year 11 students, and one way we are planning to do this is to take students to Alton Towers for an end of term reward trip on **Friday 1 April**. Letters will be given out for the trip during the week commencing Monday 7 March. The cost of the trip including coach travel and entrance to the park will be £35. Reply slips with payment will need to be returned by Tuesday 15 March.

Students are currently completing a weekly passport to qualify for a place on the trip:

We expect students to:

- maintain excellent levels of attendance and punctuality
- gain reward points whilst not accumulating consequence points

Recognition will also be given for:

- attendance at booster sessions
- progress between the November and February exams.

Celebration

A number of parents have asked for details regarding the Year 11 Prom. I am pleased to confirm that this will take place on Thursday 30 June, the day after the final examination date. Full details will follow, as will information about the leavers hoodies.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email s.chapman@smithdonhigh.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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