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Dear Parent,

Please find enclosed a Revision Guide to assist your son in preparing for his final GCSEs. It goes without saying that if your son is going to fulfil his potential in his GCSE examinations he will need to be organised, work hard and revise thoroughly. There are specific things which a student can do to boost his grade and achieve a high number of A* and A grades. The pages of this booklet are designed to help your son achieve high grades.

The school has also taken a subscription out for a revision service called GCSEPod. GCSEPod has over 3500 teacher-written, audio podcasts produced specifically for mobile devices and contains facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that students need for GCSE success. The GCSEPod website can be viewed on mobiles, tablets and PCs and podcasts can be downloaded for viewing. All Year 11 students have been registered with GCSEPod and simply need to activate their account and choose a username and password. To access GCSEPod for the first time, students should follow these three steps:

- 1) Go to www.gcsepod.com and click "Login" in the top right hand corner. This can be accessed from the homepage of the school website.
- 2) Click "**New here? Get Started.**"
- 3) Enter their name, date of birth and choose their school (The King's School Grantham)
- 4) Select a username and password (to be used when they next login) and the subjects they study.

Our aim at King's is for every student to reach the highest academic standards of which they are capable, and to give themselves the best chance of achieving what they want to in the future. The grades that are achieved at GCSE have a significant impact on the types of Universities and employers they can later apply for and the higher number of A/A* grades they achieve the more choice they will have later.

Examinations can be a stressful time for all concerned and it can be difficult to decide how best to support your son. There is clearly a balance to be struck between being supportive and getting involved in the whole process, whilst at the same time allowing your son to develop independent skills and a sense of personal responsibility. Parents can shout from the sidelines but cannot, ultimately, revise for their son.

At King's, students get a good deal of advice and practical tips on revision both from their Form Tutor and subject teachers. Help is also available in departmental support sessions. We shall also be organising **an Easter revision day on Wednesday 9 April**. The day is designed to support your son in the run up to their examinations. The first part of the day from 8.30am – 1.15pm will be led by staff from King's and the second part between 2.00 - 3.15pm by a company specialising in providing workshops on revision strategies. They will also deliver a presentation to parents and students between 3.30pm and 4.15pm in the Newton Block which will introduce and discuss strategies that will have been discussed throughout the day. We hope that the day will provide opportunities for students to give their examination chances a boost at this crucial time in the year. Students will not be required to wear school uniform, but normal expectations regarding behaviour will apply.

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To book a place for your son you should fill in the reply slip attached and return it by **Monday 31 March**. Please note that any applications received after this date may be unsuccessful. Places will be allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis. There are a limited number of places available on each course so please apply early to avoid disappointment. If too few students apply then we reserve the right to withdraw courses, or cancel the programme.

I hope that your son will use the Revision Guide, GCSEPod and ask his teachers for additional advice and aim high – all students in Year 11 are capable of achieving very good grades in the summer. They should use the next few months wisely and I will look forward to congratulating them on their achievements in August.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J A Dixon', written in a cursive style.

J A Dixon
Deputy Headteacher

Return to: Form Tutor by Monday 31 March

YEAR 11 GCSE EASTER REVISION COURSE 2014

Pupil's Name:

Form:

- I confirm that I have received the GCSE Revision Guide []
- I would like my son to attend the Easter Revision course on Wednesday 9 April and have indicated the sessions he would like to attend on the grid below []
- I would like to attend the Parents Revision workshop with my son on Wednesday 9 April between 3.30pm and 4.15pm in the Newton Block []

Parent's Signature:

Date:

Subject Availability (Please circle)

There are a limited number of places available for each subject. There will be six sessions throughout the morning and **each student should sign up for six sessions**. You will receive a letter of confirmation in the last week of term, which will indicate allocated courses. These sessions will run between 8.30am and 1.15pm. All students should sign up for six sessions and indicate whether they shall be attending the Revision Strategies Workshop and Parents Revision Session. Those students who sign up for History must attend two sessions. Students may also wish to attend both sessions on Of Mice and Men.

SUBJECT	8.30am – 9.15am	9.15am – 10.00am	10.00am – 10.45am	11.00am – 11.45am	11.45am – 12.30pm	12.30pm – 1.15pm
French (Mr Nicholls, Mrs Martin and Mrs Roberts)	French	French	French	French	French	French
Maths (Mr Roberts)	Aiming for A* session	Aiming for B/A session	Aiming for A* session	Aiming for B/A session	Aiming for A* session	Aiming for B/A session
English (Mr Deller)	Place Poetry	Conflict Poetry	Unseen Poetry	Of Mice & Men Session A	Of Mice & Men Session B	An Inspector Calls
Business Studies (Mr Dyer)	Year 10 Exam	Bow and Spice Bazaar	Long Answer Questions	Year 10 Exam	Bow and Spice Bazaar	Long Answer Questions
History (Mr Hedley)	The British Paper Session A	The British Paper Session A	The British Paper Session B	The British Paper Session B	The British Paper Session C	The British Paper Session C
Geography (Mr Collinson)	Physical – aiming for A* session	Human – aiming for A* session	Physical – aiming for B/A session	Human – aiming for B/A session	Physical – aiming for A* session	Human – aiming for A* session
Music (Mr Dixon)	Anthology paper	Anthology paper	Anthology paper	Anthology paper	Anthology paper	Anthology paper
ICT & Computing (Mr Greenhalgh)	ICT	Computing	ICT	Computing	ICT	Computing
Biology (Mrs Busfield)	Unit B1 Aiming for B/A	Unit B2 Aiming for B/A	Unit B3 Aiming for B/A	Unit B1 Aiming for A*	Unit B2 Aiming for A*	Unit B3 Aiming for A*
Chemistry (Mr Davis)	Unit C1 Aiming for A*	Unit C2 Aiming for A*	Unit C3 Aiming for A*	Unit C1 Aiming for B/A	Unit C2 Aiming for B/A	Unit C3 Aiming for B/A

	Please tick
Revision Strategies Workshop 2.00pm – 3.15pm	
Parents Revision Session 3.30pm – 4.15pm	