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Dear Parent/Carer,

In this letter you will find information about:

- Revision skills evening
- March mock exams

Revision Skills Afterschool Session Wednesday 29 January 3.00 – 4.30pm Beechurst Hall

In response to feedback from previous years, we are running a revision skills session for Year 10 students on Wednesday 29 January. Surveys of parents and students have reported that, whilst they really value the skills we explicitly teach in year 11, they would like to have had the chance to learn more about them earlier on in their school life. The session will look at: how to go about organising revision, where to start, what activities you can do and the first place to look for help. We ran this session last year and it had very positive feedback.

If you think your child would benefit from this, please sign them up to the session here: [SchoolCloud - Soham Village College](#). This will allow us to ensure enough resources are prepared for the session.

March option subject mock exams

All year 10 students will sit mock exams in their **option subjects** in the week commencing **Monday 3 March**. These are the most significant exams they have had in these subjects to date. They will provide evidence about how they are progressing and what they can realistically aim for at the end of year 11.

We want to ensure that students are as well prepared as possible so that the exams accurately reflect their progress to date. The exams are scheduled very close together, as they will be in just over one year's time when they take their GCSEs. This is designed to highlight the need to plan revision in advance and manage time effectively so that your child is ready for exams in quick succession. Students will **not** have exams in the core subjects (English, maths and science) at this time as we believe it would be too much to manage revising for all subjects in one sitting. Core subject mock exams will take place in the second half of the summer term.

If you would like more guidance on how to support your child studying, please go to the school website: [Soham Village College - Study Skills & Homework \(sohamvc.org\)](#) and open up the study skills guide. This details strategies to use as well as videos about how to approach revision.

Students will be told what they need to revise and where they can find resources by their class teachers.

Timetables will be issued in the week before half term with exact times and locations.

Exams will be no more than 1 hour and 15 minutes long.

If you have any queries or comments, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely

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