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Dear Parent/Carer

I am very pleased to write to you to draw your attention to a Revision Skills/Techniques Workshop which will take place at the Academy on Wednesday, 26 April 2017 (12.35 pm – 13.15 pm). The workshop will take place in the Assembly Hall and some teachers will present useful revision technique/skills that S4 and S5 students can adopt as part of their approach to their own revision for the SQA examinations. We held a very successful Revision Skills Workshop on 29 March 2017 and, therefore, we hope that S4 and S5 students will come along in good numbers to the lunchtime workshop on Wednesday, 26 April 2017.

We are grateful to the teachers who have volunteered to deliver this opportunity and it is hoped that the revision techniques/skills will support a longer term revision strategy (+4 weeks prior to examinations), a medium term strategy (2 weeks prior to examinations) and will support the last few days of focused revision before SQA examinations begin.

We are inviting S4 and S5 students to take up this excellent opportunity. We fully appreciate that there are many opportunities through subjects and through PSE where our students can pick up revision ideas and further develop essential revision skills, but anything we can do that might make the difference is worth trying.

Tracking reports issued in February to our S4-S6 students showed that while many students were on target, there were students who at current level of performance were failing to pass one or more of their subjects. Teachers and students are currently working hard to complete coursework and assessments. Students should be addressing as a matter of high priority weaknesses identified through their recent assessment results. There is good evidence to show that a robust revision programme utilising a range of revision strategies/skills can and does make a significant difference.

The students will be informed of the date and time of the Revision Skills/Techniques Workshop at Assemblies and through the Academy Bulletin read to students during Registration.

We would be pleased if you would support us by encouraging your son/daughter to attend the Workshop in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday, 26 April 2017 (12.35 pm - 13.15 pm). We would be delighted if you could spend a little time emphasising to your son/daughter how worthwhile it can be to find out as much as possible about revision techniques as they prepare for their SQA examinations.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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