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Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Study Skills**

We are excited to inform you about a school-based initiative to improve students' knowledge and understanding of revision/retrieval practice: The Hungerhill Study Skills Programme! Over the last year the school has undertaken a project to explore a number of highly effective strategies that can be used by students to enhance learning, centred around embedding knowledge and also preparing for assessments. Some parents/carers may already be familiar with our Study Skills strategies that have been introduced at our KS3 and KS4 evenings earlier this year. Our vision is for all students to be familiar with each strategy and be able to utilise them to aid their learning. While revision is often associated with students in KS4, it is essential that all students across the school have the ability to revisit prior learning to ensure that information can be recalled when required. This means that by the time students are preparing for their GCSE exams, they can use the strategies effectively to revise and embed their learning. In addition, we aim to provide parents with an insight into how students are being encouraged to use Study Skills, allowing parents/carers to assist and support students with their studies.

All students will receive an introductory assembly w/c 10<sup>th</sup> January, followed by weekly form-time activities over Spring Term to explore each Study Skills strategy in depth. In support of this, departments across the school will be introducing students to examples of how each strategy can be used in their subject area, as well as encouraging our young people to create their own versions. Following the introductory assembly, all students will be provided with a Study Skills booklet – this is an A4 document that contains details on why retrieval/revision strategies are so important, example documents and recommendations on how students can plan their own programme of study. Students will receive these booklets in form time w/c 17<sup>th</sup> January and will be required to keep them in their bag every day for use in form time and lessons. Please do ask your child to see the booklet – we are very proud of it!

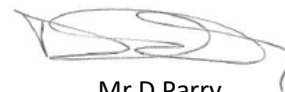
As students are introduced to each Study Skills strategy, we will be providing a version for parents/carers via the school's website. This will be updated weekly and will detail how each strategy can be used by students, while also providing examples of how parents/carers can play a role in assisting students. Templates from a variety of subject areas will also be uploaded to the website and added to students' Microsoft Teams areas (in the year group Team – Files – Class Materials – Study Skills); we encourage students and parents/carers to look at these and, where appropriate, use them to support/aid learning.

We hope you find the information useful in further supporting your child's learning. Should you have any questions about any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 01302 885811.

Yours sincerely



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