



# Icknield Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer

In recent years, with the reform of GCSEs and changes to higher education, it has become more important than ever that our students are highly effective independent learners. To be successful, our students need to be diligent and organised in their approach to consolidating and revising the knowledge and skills taught across all subjects. This needs to be embedded in students' practice and not just reserved for the few weeks preceding exams.

We are aware that some students, and their parents, have previously been unsure on how best to approach this and some students have found the many different options available to them to be quite daunting.

As a result, we have worked hard to produce a fantastic electronic document for students using Microsoft Office - Class Onenote. This document breaks down the specification of each KS4 subject and gives students specific information to access from both revision guides and websites to develop their learning of each topic. It then gives them specific questions or tasks to complete to practise applying the knowledge or skills revised. Students have their own personal, editable copy of the document and so are able to RAG rate themselves against the specification and tick off topics as and when they feel they have mastered them. Teachers can see each student's personal page and so can check how students are progressing with their revision.

Most of the subject pages reference revision guides that we recommend students use. I have attached a list of these to this letter and this is also available on the school website. We highly recommend that students have their own copy of the revision guides for the subjects they study. Please do look out for the Friends of Icknield 'Nearly New' sales. I have also detailed on the list where students can access reference copies in school if they don't have their own. If you have any questions regarding this, please let me know.

As this resource pulls together the teacher recommended resources for revision across all subjects, we have called it the '**Master Revision Guide**'. I will be launching this with students in Year 9 and 10 in assemblies at the end of term. Following this, students will receive an invitation email in their school email account to access the Master Revision Guide. Please look out for this and take a look at the document over the holidays. Students may even want to get ahead of the game and do some pre-learning or consolidation of work this year ready for September.

I will give parents more information about this on the KS4 Information Evening at the start of next year but, if there are any pressing questions, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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