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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 13 Revision Workshop, 6 January 2025

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself to you. I am very excited to be newly appointed to lead the Sixth Form provision at St Martin's as one of the school's Deputy Headteachers. I have been a Senior Leader in two other schools in London and Hertfordshire and have extensive experience in leadership of Key Stage 5, leading on both A Levels and the International Baccalaureate.

I am excited to help the school to continue its journey of success. My main focus next term will be ensuring your child in Year 13 is on course to maximising their achievements and is therefore ready for whichever pathway they have chosen.

On Wednesday of this week, I gave an assembly to provide a brief overview of the study methods students could deploy between now and their exams, particularly over the Christmas period. We have made this presentation available to students. Please ask your child about this, and enquire whether employing the '5R method' would be worthwhile for them. I have found that parents can help to drive the discipline needed to stick with this process over time. Equally, their revision notes transformed into a music track could also provide family entertainment over the holidays!

To further support students for both their PPE exams later in January and their final exams, we have booked a study skills workshop to be delivered by an expert from Bright Futures, on 6 January. This workshop will be interactive and will demonstrate how to use a range of research-based study methods, as well as giving practical tips on how to prepare for exams. Students will be off-timetable on this day and will be expected to attend the whole workshop, finishing school at 15:05, and should therefore make arrangements to have lunch at school.

To make the most of this event, students need to bring with them subject content, in the form of notes, folders, textbooks or handouts so that they can apply the techniques to their learning content.

We believe this investment will offer students a broader range of tools to support their exam preparation. We encourage students to integrate these methods into their daily routines and ask that you support your child in approaching these tools with an open mind, helping them make the most of this valuable opportunity.



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I wish your family a healthy and happy festive period and a Happy New Year. Whilst we have highlighted the opportunities the holidays bring for students to catch up with weak areas or prepare themselves for what's to come, we have also emphasised the importance of rest, relaxation, fun and time with friends and family. 2025 will be a big year for them, and to be successful, this balance is important.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Graham Samuels'.

Graham Samuels
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