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Dear Families,

Drop Everything and Revise Week

At Dixons McMillan, we all believe in doing whatever it takes to ensure that our whole community can climb their mountains to university or a high-quality alternative, and so are able to go on to lead happy and successful lives. Being as prepared as possible for internal cycle assessments, Year 11 mock examinations, and then final GCSE examinations is a vital way to ensure that students can climb their mountains.

We are pleased to announce that from today and going forward, every Week 5 of each cycle will be known as '**Drop Everything and Revise**' week, following on the theme of our literacy focus of 'Drop Everything and Read' or 'DEAR'. Drop Everything and Revise week will involve sessions in Morning Meeting, advisory time, and within subject lessons, where students will not just be told to revise, but explicitly taught **how** to revise.

Over the next five days, students will learn about the purpose of revision, time management, motivation, wellbeing and cognitive load theory during their year group Morning Meeting sessions. In advisory time, students will be taught about key revision techniques, such as the use of flashcards, mind maps, revision clocks and application questions. Year 11 students will continue with their scheduled pre-exam interventions during these times, but there will be activities in all lessons for all year groups which will teach students about the best way to revise in that specific subject.

For these weeks to be as successful as possible, we need your help so your child can be successful. We ask that you support this initiative by ensuring that you are:

- Providing your child with a quiet place to focus and revise
- Discussing their most recent cycle assessment results with them, and what to focus on
- Ensuring your child brings their 100% folder home with them every day to revise from
- Guiding them toward revision material, but first and foremost, their 100% folder
- Talking to your child about their fears, worries or concerns about revision and exams

Your child has access to a variety of revision material through Microsoft Teams for all subjects, but can also access online resources through our school website at www.dixonsma.com/about/revision-resources.

Your child's success in their assessments, then their exams, and then in their applications for college, sixth form, apprenticeships, university and ultimately their careers depend on what they do now in these five short years at secondary school to prepare. If we all work together, then we can all support your child to climb their mountain.

Yours faithfully,



Alexander Conlon
Vice Principal