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Revise, Reflect, Restart!

These three words have formed our mantra in school over the last month. With exams and study leave kicking in for the first time in two years, it has given our staff space to think and plan together. We certainly tried our hand at revision – our Study Zone and Easter School were well attended and all accounts of the examinations have been positive so far. It's been a difficult time for ourselves and our young people and we have been reflecting hard on how we can embrace all of the opportunities that finishing lockdown is bringing. We have organised this into five main areas to work on.

Our first area is **Building Our School Community**. We have much enjoyed seeing our new S1 parents recently, along with some very keen current P7 students. We also enjoyed being together with community partners for the recent Careers Fair. We have been thinking about how we can expand the opportunities that our young people have to achieve and embrace their community in many different ways – from trips to key partnerships and work experience, If you have something to contribute here please contact Victoria Lowe, out PT Community and Partnerships, via the school office. Particular thanks to Giacopazzi's and Kerry for the ice cream!



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Standards, Challenge and Study

We are also looking at **Challenge and Support** – how we can work together so that everyone achieves the very best results they can through really effective learning and teaching. This is about being really clear what we are learning about and how to be successful at it. Alongside this is our focus on **Professional Learning** – how we can be the very best teachers and support staff that we can be – this involves reading, agreeing together on what works, and spending time improving. As a research school we have been working on different aspects of this together.

We have been looking at how we can maintain really high **Standards** across many aspects of school life. Rexcently we have seen a massive improvement in our school uniform as the weather has improved. We are considering how we can help everyone be focussed and encourage those who can find this difficult. We are making changes to our mobile technology policy to protect space for young people to get away from technology and enjoy each other's company in our building. Alongside this goes learning about how to keep safe online and avoid the risks that can bring.



Our final area is around **Study and Revision** – we are hoping to start a 'Revision Revolution' soon, where we can put in place an overall plan to learn how to study effectively from S1 onwards. For our seniors we are now able to get back to supervised study in mixed year classes, and to restart many of our Senior activities that bring some fun and joy to the school.

Many of these areas will form our School Improvement Plan for the coming year – it's been exciting to work with such an engaged staff on these issues and we believe they will bring even more improvement to the school.



We are delighted that we will be holding an Expressive Arts Showcase in school on Wednesday 15th June – watch out for information which is coming soon! It promises to be a great event, with an
Enrichment performance, musical items, brilliant artwork and stunning fashion! See right for our Fashion Show information – this is On Friday 17th June – don't miss it!

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