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Dear Parent/Guardian

It is good to have the first week of the Mock Examinations completed and week two underway. Balancing revision across subjects is a challenge and I am sure your daughters will be learning from this experience. To this end, of reflecting and learning from these examinations, I would like to remind you about our Tree of Knowledge, 'Laugh in the Face of Exams' event, which was postponed from October until Tuesday 15th December 2020, and which should certainly get our pupils thinking how they could improve their preparations for their actual GCSEs. The information from the original emailed letter, sent 9-10-20, is below for your convenience.

There is a small cost for this event, as noted below, of £3. Thanks to those that have already paid the £3 cost through sims pay. This will remain open for all parents to be able to complete the payment, to allow their daughters to attend.

Our English Department asked me to let you know that, on Monday 14th December, all Year 12 pupils will be involved in an English Language Immersion Day in order to prepare for their upcoming external CCEA examinations in January.

Study Skills Workshop

We have booked an agency named 'Tree of Knowledge' to present a motivational and study skills workshop entitled 'Laugh in the Face of Exams' to our Year 12 pupils. This event has been a great success in previous years. Our pupils felt it was very helpful for motivation and study methods. The presenter used humour to both get, and keep, the pupils' attention.

Areas which will be addressed are:

- The importance of whole brain learning
- Emotional intelligence in young people and adults
- Benefits of relaxation
- The wonderful world of your mind and how consciously/sub-consciously you think
- The effect dreams and aspirations have on us all

The event is being subsidised by the School. We feel that it is important for all pupils to be able to attend a workshop which focuses on skills necessary for success throughout their academic careers. Thus the cost is only £3 per pupil, and payment is to be made through Sims Pay. With payment, I will assume that you are giving permission for your child to attend this event. The event has been risk assessed to comply with the current situation.

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