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Dear Parent or Carer

I wanted to take this opportunity to outline some key dates, work and helpful resources for your son or daughters' study of Business over the next year.

Helpful Resources:

- Seneca learning (<https://senecalearning.com/>): Students will soon open an account and can work through the content & questions at home throughout the year.
- Gojimo (<http://app.gojimo.co/qualifications>): Students can choose topics and practice multiple choice questions. This helps with content and exam practice. Also available as a phone app for free.
- Revision for topic tests. Students will be completing topic tests on each of the 5 main topic areas throughout the year. This will be placed on Show My Homework and students should be encouraged to revise these topics beforehand.
- BBC Business news (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business/companies>): Students will have to apply theory to real world companies, knowledge of these should be encouraged via the news.
- Podcasts: (<https://anchor.fm/ashley-pearce>): I have recorded a short series of podcasts that cover each of the 6 main topic areas in GCSE Business studies as well as one on exam technique. Students should listen to these as part of their revision/exam preparation.
- Dragons Den, Inside the factory and The Apprentice. Watching these shows helps students apply knowledge and to hear business terminology outside of the classroom.
- Exam revision. Students should begin revising for their GCSE exams at the Easter holidays. A revision booklet will be given to each student that will include tasks and questions to answer, active revision. No expensive revision guides need to be purchased. Completing this booklet & practicing exam papers is all that is needed. They do not need to complete this before then, plenty of exam revision will take place in class.

Key Dates

- **Parents evening:** Wednesday 20th November
- **PPE exams:** Week beginning 26th November
- **Sixth form options evening:** Wednesday 13th November
- **Easter holidays** (students to start revising for exams): Friday April 3rd
- **GCSE Business exams:** 21st May & 2nd June 2019. Both exams 1 hour & 45mins long and is the AQA exam board.

Year 11 learning

Students will be undertaking a project with a partner where they write a Business Plan for a business idea that would work in the Twyford area. The business plan and accompanying workbook will follow the specification closely. This helps them with the application and theory aspects of the GCSE.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything else you would like to know.

Kind regards

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