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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all keeping well.

We appreciate that our students will be experiencing differing levels of anxiety and stress due to the public exams that they are sitting. Please find below a list of links that both you and our learners may find useful at this time:

Young People:

Young Minds - How to manage stress in the lead-up to exams <a href="https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/how-to-manage-stress-in-the-lead-up-to-exams/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwpPKiBhDvARIsACn-gzCYhcsJpOihMJoNudQATVUeQrU8LLW2j4XJ4RLYCy5w-GwjuZJ3dQMaAjW8EALwwB

Childline - EXAM STRESS AND PRESSURE

If you're feeling stressed about your exams being cancelled, you aren't alone. Get advice from us and other young people.

https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/exam-stress/?&&&&gclsrc=aw.ds&&gclid=Cj0KCQjwpPKiBhDvARIsACn-gzBrG2VKesdiDm7ITYj I6JmcVHEDGGIfcNC4 FflUfrYrNervvbuCUaAkg7EALw wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds

Mind – Exam Stress 11-18 years

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Parents:

Young Minds – Parent Advice https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/

Young Minds – Help your child manage exam stress https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/

NHS – Help your child beat exam stress https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/

One Decision -Helping your child with anxiety https://www.1decision.co.uk/images/anxiety-information-pack.pdf

Additionally, please see below some helpful tips for supporting our learners with their mental health during the exam season:

Tops Tips for Managing Stress and Mental Health during Exams

- Prioritise Sleep: 7-9 hours a night will give you a well-rested mind and body.
- Exercise: Even if it is not daily, physical activity will help improve your focus and mind.
- Eat Right: Try to reduce caffeine and sugar intake, so avoid energy drinks if possible.
- Talk to Someone: Talking can help relieve any exam worries and bottled up stress.

We wish our students every success in their endeavours and our staff are here to support them throughout this challenging time.

Please take care.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Photini Bohacek

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