Dear parents/carers,

This is the last week before the half-term break. The notices below refer to the week beginning Monday 6th June when students return.

**EXAMS**

The main focus of the last half term is on the completion of courses, either by finishing off assignments or taking exams. All students will also have a final one-to-one with their tutor over this next half term.

Many of our students are taking GCSE maths and/or English exams. These are very important exams because students need a minimum of a grade 4 to progress onto a level 3 course at college. The final GCSE exams are:

**GCSE MATHS: TUESDAY 7th JUNE**

**GCSE ENGLISH - FRIDAY 10th JUNE**

There is plenty of revision work available for students throughout the half term week on Mathswatch (the online learning platform). And on Century (the GCSE English platform).  Additional workshops are being run by teachers over half term for specific groups who will have been notified about this directly.   However, there are some **online GCSE maths** workshops running, that **all** students are welcome to attend. Details of how to join these will be shared directly with students.

**Half term online revision GCSE Maths - exam techniques**

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| **Day** | **Time** | **Tutor** | **Room** | **Tier/Theme** |
| Monday | 1:00-1:45pm | Georgina | Online | Exam Technique – Fractions & Percentages Questions |
| Monday | 3:00-3:45pm | Georgina | Online | Exam Technique – Geometry Questions |
| Tuesday | 11:00-11:45am | Georgina | Online | Exam Technique –Probability and Statistics Questions |

 For students at our Accrington campus, there is a**GCSE** MATHS Revision Day planned over half term on Tuesday 31st May 10am-4pm.  All students are welcome.

**Level 3 vocational and A level students**

 As our Year 1 students are starting on their journey of thinking about next steps, it is worth sharing our own university centre offer. We offer a wide selection of specially designed courses and university level qualifications. We have specialist lecturers, industry leading partners and highly skilled professionals who will assist students every step of the way, preparing them for a rewarding, successful career. For students who do not want to move away from home and who wish to study locally, we recommend they consider the higher education offer from our own outstanding college. The cost of study has never been more affordable – our young people can take advantage of the many funding options available to assist them in achieving their goals. Studying locally has never been more cost effective. Our University Centre facilities being conveniently located across both Nelson and Accrington sites and travelling from home to study saves the added cost of renting additional accommodation.

For you as parents and carers, you may be interested in the opportunities offered for yourselves. Our university level courses are also available for mature adult students. Please find attached our Nelson and Colne College Group University Centre information guide. For more information, please visit [https://universitycentre.nelsongroup.ac.uk/](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Funiversitycentre.nelsongroup.ac.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7CEmma.Swindlehurst%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7C80b232c1b6f74dbeb34908da3fc62abd%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C637892417624244427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rYyzBEkCAdR2ys1yOgMDyEiY1JVLBa6aGYxo8Awc9l8%3D&reserved=0)

Good luck to all your young people studying for exams and I hope you enjoy a lovely extended bank holiday weekend.

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