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The beginning of May marks the start of the formal exam season in schools. Students at Linton Village College have been building up to this with revision in preparation for sitting the new, tougher 9-1 GCSE exams.

Before the Easter holidays we held a Study Skills evening for Year 10 and 11 parents and students including revision strategy workshops and resources, and a focus on the importance of wellbeing as part of a healthy and balanced approach to studying.

LVC staff were fortunate to benefit from a key note by a neuro surgeon on the teenage brain and the science of memory on our last training day. We also have a team of mental health champions that have received professional development from an Educational Psychologist to develop the skills to identify, promote and support students with mental health.

Stress and trauma can have a substantial negative impact on students' ability to learn, retain and recall knowledge and skills. At the very time in which teenagers are being tested in a significant number of lengthy examinations, they can find themselves under immense pressure to achieve academically, or as a result of other challenges in their lives.

We work very hard as a school to help our students to achieve a balanced and healthy approach to their academic endeavours. While it is important that they study hard and make the most of the learning opportunities afforded to them during their time at Linton Village College, we also ensure that this is not at the cost of personal wellbeing.

The focus on self-regulated study is not only to develop successful independent study skills for students, but to help them to achieve a responsible and sustainable approach to their educational pursuits.

We are proud to have a very strong track record for students' engagement in learning and employment after their time at Linton Village College. GCSE examinations are an important stepping stone in our students' futures. Leavers' day at the end of May marks an important rite of passage and celebration before students embark on independent study and their examinations.

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