



Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 Study Leave and Revision Arrangements

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening recently. It was a pleasure to see so many of you there and to discuss how to support Year 11 in the final push towards their GCSE exams.

As normal, Year 11 will remain in school to study during the first weeks of the exam period. This is the same routine which they have become used to during their December mock exams and which will be replicated during their upcoming March mocks as well. When they are not in an exam, all students will be supervised by their class teachers to study silently in classrooms. They will be allowed to listen to music through headphones and can bring in their own devices (e.g. laptops) if they wish to use them.

After the half term break, students will be on "Study Leave". This means that they need only come to school when they have an exam and may study at home at other times. It is vital that, from Monday 3rd June onwards, your son/daughter checks their exam timetable carefully so that they attend school on the days they have exams. During this time your son/daughter is welcome to revise in school. There will be a quiet, supervised space for them to use.

These arrangements are similar to last year and are specifically designed in the context of the pandemic's impact on the students' education and through consultation with other outstanding schools. We firmly believe that this provides the best environment to prepare each Year 11 student for their exams. It also supports parents/carers with transport arrangements as the students will be able to use the usual school bus service for the vast majority of their exams.

We have also taken into account the congested nature of the exam period, during which most students will have an exam almost every day. Below is a summary of some of the key dates:

- Thursday 9th May – GCSEs begin (Religious Studies Paper 1) Students remain in school to study.
- Friday 24th May – Year 11 Celebration Assembly (no exams in the afternoon)
- Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – Half Term. No GCSE Exams
- Monday 3rd June – GCSE exams resume and Study Leave Begins. **Note: as this is an INSET day, there will be no buses available.**
- Wednesday 19th June – Last GCSE exam (Food Preparation and Nutrition)
- Thursday 20th June – Year 11 Prom
- Wednesday 26th June – Exam Contingency Day (*In the unlikely event of major national disruption to an exam, this day is used instead*).

Please remind your son/daughter that they should currently be preparing for their next set of mock exams. These take place in the w/b Monday 4th March in English, Maths, Science and, if they take the subject, Creative iMedia. This is their final opportunity to gain valuable experience and feedback on these subjects.

Mr Mac and I will be in touch after half term with further information on supporting your son/daughter in the final run up to the GCSE exams.

Thank you for your continued support.

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