



4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 11 GCSE Exams, Lead Lessons & Study Leave

I am writing to clarify the arrangements the school has put in place to support your son or daughter through their remaining GCSE examinations. Students and parents often ask the school about study leave and when the students will be able to work at home independently. As a school, we avoid giving our students 'study leave' and instead prefer to provide them with the support of their teachers and the school facilities for as long as possible. However, we accept that there comes a point, once students have started to complete courses, that it is no longer necessary for Year 11 students to complete full school days.

As you will be aware, there is a timetable of Lead Lessons that sits alongside the GCSE exams. From **Break Time on Thursday 6th June (10:40am)**, Year 11 students will not be required to attend school unless there is a Lead Lesson or Exam. We would like them to use this time for 'Home Study' which is detailed on the updated timetable accompanying this letter. However, we know that some students prefer to study in the school environment, so we have arranged supervised classrooms for those who are on the school site during these sessions.

Students must sign in at reception when they attend for Lead Lessons and sign out when they leave the school site. They should not wander around the school as this causes disruption to the normal school day.

We believe that these flexible arrangements will ensure that students can still have access to their teachers for support and guidance and can continue to use the school facilities in a way that suits each individual.

Full school uniform must be worn throughout the week and for all examinations. We will still be following our full behaviour policy when Year 11 students are on site and expect them to meet our usual high standards and be role models for our younger students.

Year 11 students will be having a leavers BBQ and Assembly on **Monday 17th June** after the Statistics exam. The Statistics exam will begin at **1pm** on this day instead of 1:30pm. Whilst we understand that signing of shirts is a nice souvenir and memento for students. Students must not get their shirts signed prior to any exams as this will impact their entry to the exam.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students well in the coming examinations and thank all parents for their continued support. I have been extremely impressed with the work ethic and resilience of our Year 11 students, particularly during this exam season and I am looking forward to celebrating their results with them this summer.

Yours sincerely

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