

11th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is very pleasing to see the vast majority of Year 11 students are focused and working hard towards the fast-approaching GCSE exams. As we enter these last few months, I am writing to highlight some key exam-related information.

Important dates for the diary are:

- **Friday 2nd May: Leavers Day.** On this day, students will have their final assembly; it is an important day for everyone in Year 11 when many bring old polo shirts or memory books in for classmates to sign. They will also be able to collect leaver's hoodies and/or yearbooks, if they have purchased these. Please note students should bring a spare shirt in to sign and not sign shirts being worn as part of normal school uniform. Students have already had further details about the final day shared in an assembly and we will remind them of arrangements and expectations during the week after the Easter holiday.
- **Tuesday 6th May: Study Leave begins** (see below and attached for further details.)
- **Thursday 8th May: GCSE written exams start (Drama and Citizenship.)**
- **Thursday 21st August: Results Day** – further details will follow in due course.

When Study Leave begins from Tuesday 6th May, students will have one of three options when not in an examination:

1. **Study at home;**
2. **Attend a subject revision session in school.** Attached you will find a timetable of subjects where a member of the department will be available in their room to answer any questions students may have and to offer 'hints and tips' for the exam; this timetable will also be on the school's website. Please note that this initial timetable covers the first two-week period up until Friday 16th May. We will review the programme and publish further details for the remaining exam-period by the end of that week.
3. **Revise in a supervised study room in school** where students must revise quietly and independently using resources they have brought with them. Reminders of these study rooms will be posted daily in reception.

If students follow options 2 or 3, they will need to register as normal in their tutor base at 8.45am (or after 9am, sign in at reception) unless they are in purely for an exam. They will be expected to follow the normal school rules, including those relating to mobile phones. They will not be permitted to 'come and go' during the day or wander around during lesson time. Once students sign out, they should not return to school and must continue their study at home (they are not allowed to be in for the day and sign out for lunch). This is to maintain a positive working atmosphere for the rest of the school community and to ensure we have accurate records in case of emergency. If students are coming in solely for an exam, they do not have to sign in or out as we will have registers from the examination.

Please note that, whenever students are in school (for exams and/or study sessions), they must be dressed in full school uniform.

It is obviously a very important time for the students and, with continued application and determination, we look forward to seeing many happy faces on Thursday 21st August, when the long wait for their results will be over.

Yours sincerely,



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