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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

RE: Year 11 GCSE Exams

As the external exam period is almost upon us, I would like to confirm some of the arrangements for the rest of this term as well as the results days this summer.

You should already have received your exam timetables, which tell you when and where your exams will be taking place. Please read this very carefully as you will not always be in the same room, or seat for every exam and it is important that you know where you need to be, and at what time, so that you arrive in the exam room in good time and are as relaxed as possible.

The exam dates and start times are decided by the exam boards and are the same for all schools in the country. This means that the school has no control over these dates and times. As a result, please remember that, some exams will finish after the normal end of school. You will need to ensure that you make suitable arrangements for getting home after the end of the exam on these occasions.

For most students the exams run from the middle of May until the end of June. Attendance in lessons, if you are not in an exam, will be as follows:

- Until Thursday, 26th May students **must attend all lessons as normal**, unless they are in an exam at the time of the lesson.
- On Friday, 27th May students will attend school as normal. There will be a "leavers' assembly" during the morning, after which any students who do not have an exam in the afternoon on that day may leave the school site for the start of the half term holiday.
- After the half term holiday students will only be **required** to attend for their exams. **Lessons will continue until the end of the exam period and students may, if they wish, attend these lessons to revise and continue to work towards their exams.** If a student has finished all the exams in a particular subject then they will be able to revise other subjects in those lessons as appropriate. If they do not wish to attend lessons then they will need to leave the school site to study at home.

To reiterate, after half term, students will either be (i) in an exam (ii) in a lesson (iii) off site.

These are the only options available to students.

Please note that full school uniform is required in all lessons and examinations throughout the examination period, including those after the half term break.



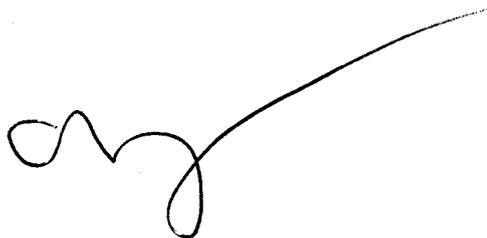
The GCSE exam results will be published this year on Thursday, 25th August. The exam results will be sent to students by email from 8am on this day. School will be open from 8.30am for those students who wish to collect their results in person. Students wishing to join us in the sixth form, in September, will be able to make appointments to discuss their results and intended courses on the same day. Further details about how to make these appointments will be sent in due course.

To help students in years 11 and 13 study and prepare for their exams, and beyond, the school will continue to offer supervised study sessions on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. These will not be taught lessons but there will be a quiet supervised space that students can study in with staff available to ask for help and advice if needed. Throughout the exam period the canteen will be open from 8.00am until 8.30am for year 11 and sixth form students to have a drink or snack and do any last minute preparation for their exams that day.

Yours faithfully



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