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4<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Families,

As our Year 11s hone in on their exams, I just wanted to get in touch to let you know what will be happening over the exam period.

Let me start off by saying how proud we are of our Year 11 students. They have been through unprecedented times and significant uncertainties, but in spite of this they have got their heads down and are working hard to achieve the best grades that they can in their GCSEs. We feel very positive about what their future holds. We would also like to thank you for everything that you have done in supporting your children - it makes such a huge difference when the tripod is strong, and we work well together.

Here is the summary about what is happening from the 13 May:

### 13 May

This will be our Year 11's symbolic last day. Students will remain with us for some time yet, but everything changes from that day, forwards. On the 13 May, we will hold a 'Leaver's Assembly' and students will be invited to enjoy some refreshments with their teachers, until at 1.30pm, when they are dismissed from school. Of course, this is not really their last day, but it is symbolic for our students as it signifies the end of the normal school structure as they have known it. If students cannot get home at that time, then they are of course welcome to stay with us until 3.10pm.

### 16 May to 17 June

Students will continue to attend school and will be doing one of 4 things each period. These will be:

- sitting an exam
- taking part in a Support Revision session
- attending their normal lesson
- accessing well-being support.

I have attached a revision schedule of exams and added the Support Revision sessions in red. Your children will receive a more detailed version which tells them exactly where they are required, and which teacher will be supporting them.

Once we reach the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, most of the exams will have been completed. From that day onwards, students need only attend any exams or Support Revision sessions that they may still have. Please do not forget that the 29<sup>th</sup> of June is designated as an exam contingency day. In the event of any exams not being able to take place, this is the date that they will be taken.

I know that many of you will be wondering what will happen if your child misses an exam because of Covid. What follows, is a summary of the JCQ guidance:

We are sending all our Yr 11 Students home with Covid testing kits on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. **If your child**

**tests positive for covid, then they must not come into school, even if they have an exam.** They will need to stay at home for 3 days from the day that the test was taken.

Children who are unwell and have a high temperature, but have not taken a Covid test, should stay at home until they no longer have a high temperature.

The exam papers have been spread out over the course of this exam season to ensure that if a student is absent due to Covid, then they will still be able to sit some papers in each subject. Provided a student has taken a paper, they will still be awarded a grade and will not be penalised for having missed an exam.

If a student is ill with Covid, which results in exams being missed, then parents will be required to complete a Form 14, and we will be required to apply for special consideration on the student's behalf. In the event of you needing a Form 14, we will provide one for you.

If you have any questions or concerns, then please do contact Mrs. Dolby or me. [K.rourke@stowhigh.com](mailto:K.rourke@stowhigh.com) or [R.dolby@stowhigh.com](mailto:R.dolby@stowhigh.com)

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