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Dear Families

We would like to take this opportunity to provide important information about the coming months for our Year 11 students.

### GCSE Examination Timetable

GCSE exams commence from Friday 10 May. These will continue until Thursday 20 June. There are, however, contingency dates for any GCSE exams missed due to illness, with the last date being Wednesday 26 June. Students will have an individual exam schedule provided in order that you can support them with their attendance to each exam during this period, including the revision sessions that are being set alongside this. In the meantime please find attached an overview of the Summer Exam Timetable.

### Easter Revision

We are in the process of putting an Easter Revision program together to support Year 11s in the build up to their final exams. We hope to be able to share this with you on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Sessions will take place from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April and then from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. All sessions will take place in school.

### Intervention and Support

A reminder of some of the ways in which students can prepare for their finals exams:

- Success Sessions - These continue to take place each lunchtime and afterschool. You will have received a letter last half term highlighting the sessions that your son/daughter should attend.
- GCSE Zone - A quiet revision space that Year 11s can access at lunchtimes and afterschool. There is a range of resources available to students including past papers and mark schemes.
- Tutor Time intervention - Maths, English and History will be running sessions based on the results of PRE2. If your son/daughter is asked to come to these please encourage them to do so.
- GCSE Pod - An excellent way to tailor revision to the areas students have had identified as a focus. If your son/daughter has any issues logging on or using the Pod please ask them to speak to Mr West.

### Uniform

Whilst we are getting to the end of Year 11, we need to make sure our Year 11s are in the correct uniform ahead of their exams. We appreciate that certain uniform might have been lost/worn and we do have some 'pre-loved' uniform we can lend to students if needed. We do not want Year 11 students wearing leggings, hoodies, tracksuit bottoms or with any form of piercings (other than the permitted stud in each ear).





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### **Punctuality & Attendance**

Lateness to school and lessons is also becoming a habit amongst some Year 11 students, which does not bode well with GCSE exams looming. We had a small minority arriving late into school during the PREs and we do not want students arriving late for the actual exams, so please reinforce the importance of this with your child.

We also need to make sure our students are attending every possible school day as we begin vital revision in our subjects. With this in mind, we will consider withdrawing prom tickets for students who do not adhere to the uniform expectations and/or do not attend school regularly without a valid reason.

### **Final Leavers' Assembly**

This will be held on Friday 24 May during period 3. This will follow a French GCSE writing exam during periods 1 and 2. Students will have the opportunity to sign one another's shirts, take photographs with their friends and enjoy the BBQ we will be putting on free-of-charge for our Year 11s. Subsequent to these events, Year 11 students will be allowed to return home earlier than normal (but will be allowed to remain in lessons in the afternoon should they need to do so in order to be collected or use specific transport to return home).

### **Last Day of Regular School Attendance**

Year 11 students are required to attend school everyday, throughout the day, until Friday 7 June. This means they must attend lessons/revision sessions at all times they do not have an exam. From Monday 10 June, students will have the option to only attend school for the exams and can be at home before and after these exams. Should your child wish to remain in school outside of exams from Monday 10 June please let us know.

### **Year 11 Leavers' Prom**

There will be a pop-up prom shop offering dresses/suits/accessories/shoes which will be held on Thursday 21 March. It will take place from 3.30-6.30pm in the Oasis block if you and your child wish to consider this.

As you are aware, prom date is Wednesday 26 June at All Manor of Events, with times to be confirmed. Please ensure you have purchased your child's ticket by Thursday 28 March as any requests for tickets thereafter are likely to be rejected (as we need to confirm numbers). You will have also received a letter recently from Mr Pickering highlighting that attendance at Prom is not guaranteed and factors such as behaviour will be reviewed and may impact on students right to attend.

If you have any questions or queries about the information above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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