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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Exams – Key Information and Reminders

I hope that this message finds you well.

This afternoon we had an additional assembly to kick off the 'official' start of the exam period. The students were given a new exam timetable and the weekly plan they will get every Friday for the following week. It is crucial that students are organised to make sure they know when exams are on, the extra lessons which are taking place and the afterschool interventions available to them. Please discuss this timetable with your child and encourage them to engage with the additional interventions available to them.

Whilst Monday marks the start of the intense GCSE examination period, I also want to congratulate the students who have already completed some of their subjects and exams. Photography and Art students have today received their marks for their examination pieces and Health and Social Care students completed their exam on Tuesday morning. The students in those subjects have set the bar high and this needs to be continued next week.

On Monday, and for every morning exam, **students will need to be at school no later than 8:30am**. Research shows that students late to exams often perform significantly worse than students who enter on time. If, for any reason, your child is going to be late or is unwell, please let us know immediately so that we can advise.

Please note that for afternoon exams, some students, particularly those with access arrangements, **may finish later than the usual end of the school day**. Please take this into account when making arrangements for their journey home. Again, the specific timing for each exam is detailed on their timetable.

A reminder that there is no general study leave for Year 11 students. Instead, each Friday, students will be issued with a bespoke timetable for the following week. This allows those who have completed certain courses to use their time in school productively for revision ahead of their remaining examinations.

For those students that have been invited to prom, tickets are available on ParentPay. Attendance to the event remains conditional on students' attendance and conduct around examinations. Invitations for the small number of students still yet to be formally invited will be reviewed after May half term.

Finally, whilst our absolute focus is on the coming months of examinations, I wanted to confirm that our leavers' assembly will take place in the morning of Wednesday 24 June. This will celebrate the students leaving in a more informal way and students will have the opportunity to have their shirts signed if they wish. Further correspondence will be sent regarding this in due course.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, particularly regarding your child's independent revision at home. This is pivotal to their academic success in these examinations, so please do continue to encourage and facilitate this. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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