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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is difficult to believe that, once again, the time has almost come to say goodbye to our Year 11 pupils, whilst simultaneously welcoming in our new Year 7 for September. As you are well aware, our Year 11 pupils are in the thick of the exam season and have been working really hard to do their best. I must commend them on the way in which they have approached their exams with positivity and a determination to succeed.

From Monday 10 June, pupils will be allowed to study from home for their remaining exams if they wish to do so. During this period of time, all Year 11 lessons and classrooms will continue to be staffed. This will enable pupils to come into school to revise all day should they wish to do so - the 'night before' after-school revision schedule will also continue to run. We strongly recommend that pupils continue to come into school for lessons where they still have an examination to sit.

- For morning exams, pupils should arrive by 8.30 a.m. and will be registered by form tutors, in their form room, as usual. They will then be escorted to the hall for the start of the exams.
- For afternoon exams, pupils must be in school no later than 12.55 p.m. and should make their way directly to the Year 11 dining hall. Pupils will be registered once they are in the examination room. Year 11 pupils who have an exam in the afternoon are welcome to arrive at school for 12.30 p.m. and have lunch in the dining hall prior to their examination. **Pupils must sign in electronically via the main reception entrance in this instance.**
- At the end of an examination pupils should leave the school site unless they choose to remain in school to study. If they choose to remain in school, they should go directly to their next lesson where they will be registered, as usual, by their class teacher.
- If pupils leave school at a different time to the end of the exam, they must sign out electronically via the main entrance.



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We would ask that pupils leave site quietly and sensibly, being mindful that lessons will be in progress around school.

We would like to offer our Year 11 pupils the opportunity to sign shirts, fill in leavers books and say their last farewells to each other on Friday 14 June, starting at 3.00 p.m. in the bistro. This is not a compulsory event. Those pupils wanting to take part should go to their period 5 lesson after the end of their Physics exam. Any pupil not wishing to take part will be permitted to leave school site immediately after their exam. You will appreciate that lessons will be taking place for all other year groups, and it is incredibly important that Year 11 pupils either go to their period 5 lesson or leave school site – pupils will not be permitted to wander around the school building.

We wish all our Year 11 pupils good luck for the remainder of their exams.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs T Burgess
Head of School

