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Dear Year 11 families

The Year 11s' final weeks are quickly approaching, so I thought it would be an opportunity to inform you of some important information. I apologise in advance for the length of the email, but it is all important for you to know and share with your child.

The last day: Friday 22nd May – shirt signing & leavers' assembly

All pupils will be in school for a normal day from Form Time through to the end of P2 (unless they are in the PE exam). We will give them an extra-long break time to do some traditional shirt signing. We want pupils to enjoy themselves, but experience tells us that sometimes some of the comments or pictures that pupils write are not always appropriate for school. Therefore, pupils **must have a spare shirt or wear their jumper/hoody/blazer** when asked, and for the duration of their leavers' assembly during P4. If they do not comply, they may be refused entry to the assembly.

Monday 1st June (after the half term)

Pupils need only attend school on the days/sessions they have an exam. In other words, they can just come for the morning, or for the afternoon session for the exam. **They must arrive in good time for their exams**.

The school buses will be available for travel as normal at the beginning and end of the day. However, they may arrive in school by other means in time for afternoon exams. **Correct school uniform must be worn throughout the exam period: appropriate shoes, ties, jewellery etc – please support us with this**. Pupils can wear their hoodies if they want to.

Signing in and out

When pupils arrive in school they **must sign in on the concourse**. When they leave school (unless it is at the end of the school day), they **must sign out**.

If pupils have an exam in the morning **and** the afternoon, they must stay on the school site; they cannot leave the school site to go elsewhere. **If your child wants to leave after the morning exam to go home and revise and return to school for the afternoon exam, it is important you notify me and/or the school reception**. **You would be required to pick them up and sign them out at reception.**

We must know where pupils are because, strictly speaking, until the last Friday in June, they are still our responsibility during the school day. This is a legal requirement and all pupils must comply. Once they sign out, they will not be allowed back on site and should return home. **Pupils are not permitted to leave the school site and then return later to use school transport.**

Study rooms Monday 1st June – Tuesday 16th June

Once Study Leave commences, it is expected that pupils are studying full time at home for their examinations. We are aware that some pupils may find this difficult and will concentrate better at school. Therefore, from **Monday 1st June,** study rooms will be available for pupils who wish to come in. Pupils can

also use a study room before or after an exam. Study rooms will be published on the concourse where they sign in and will be supervised by members of staff.

Pupils must bring their own work to these sessions, and there is an expectation they work quietly so everyone can benefit. It is not a social event. If pupils remain in school, they must arrive to these rooms on time and respect the provision.

Warning from JCQ about accessing papers

JCQ (the body which represents all exam boards) have issued a warning to everyone involved in exams to do not try to obtain, transfer, publish, or sell exam papers for the summer GCSEs – whether fake or genuine – before the exam is due to be sat. This is especially true for online platforms. The act of doing so could lead to strict penalties and loss of their qualification. You can read more information about this here.

Exam Contingency Days

- **Wednesday 24th June – exam contingency day**

Even though it is unlikely, things beyond our control can happen such as an exam board cancelling an exam. All pupils should be available until up to and including Wednesday 24th June – just in case. Please do not book to be away on these days.

What to do if there is a problem on the day of the exam

If pupils miss their exams, there is no opportunity to catch up or retake it like we did in mocks. However, sometimes urgent, significant things happen the night before or the morning of exams. If this happens, as soon as possible, contact the school (via email or phone) and ask for Dr Karl Stapleton (our exams officer) or me. We will advise on how best to proceed.

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GCSE Results Thursday 20th August 2026

Results will be available from **8:30am-9.30am** either in person from school or online via Arbor.
We will send out details about how to access results online later in the summer, but we hope to see as many of our pupils in school collecting their results and sharing the experience with their friends and families.

Thank you for all your support throughout the years, and your continued support through the GCSEs. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Mr Findlay
Assistant Headteacher