

17th May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 11 students

Year 11 exams are now well underway and students have been impressive in terms of their maturity as they follow our exam procedures and approach their examinations, and with their positive attitude towards learning in lessons and revision sessions.

I am writing to provide an update to parents/guardians of Year 11 students regarding the alternative curriculum that we are currently running (click [here](#)). As I have previously written to parents/guardians, this programme has been carefully planned to provide students with a balance between structured revision from their teachers who have expertise of the subject and exams, with time for independent study. It is also in line with the programme we have run in recent years which has been positively received and shown real impact.

I am conscious that students have been through an incredibly challenging time and some students are finding it difficult to manage their tiredness and emotions as they sit these important examinations. We have received a number of emails from parents requesting that their child be allowed to leave school after an examination and this week a significant amount of staff time has been spent speaking to parents and students about the arrangements and collecting students from lessons when parents have arrived at the school. This is disappointing because the intention is to support students with revision and examination preparation and the timetable has been carefully created to ensure that the students' last lesson before each examination is in that subject area.

We have therefore made the decision that, for next week, should you feel that your child will benefit more from revising at home than from attending the lesson or revision session timetabled, please complete the google form (click [here](#)) and your child will be allowed to sign out after their examination. In order to ensure that only students with the permission of parents/guardians sign out, the form must be completed before 8:30am of the first day you wish your child to be allowed to leave. Please note, there can be no exceptions to this. You only need to complete the form once but please indicate if there are any dates that you do not wish your child to leave early.

After May half term, students must attend school for their examinations and should attend for all timetabled revision sessions.

I believe that parents/guardians know their child best and should base their decision on whether or not they believe their child is likely to use any time spent at home productively.

I would like to remind parents/guardians that students can only arrive at 8am, 12:30-12:50pm or the start of a revision session (eg. 11:25am for a period 3 revision).

Yours sincerely



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