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Year 11 Examination Timetables and Leavers' Day Arrangements

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach half term, we would like to take the opportunity to say a few words about the examination period and leaving day arrangements and to applaud the way students continue to conduct themselves this year. Since joining Upper School in September 2022, they have proved themselves to be a truly exceptional group of young people and have been outstanding role models to our younger students.

Applying for Home Study Leave

Year 11 lessons will continue until Friday 10 May with the GCSE written exams beginning on Thursday 9 May. It is expected that all students attend school until this time.

We will allow Year 11 students to study at home during the examination season, commencing Monday 13 May with parental permission. Please complete the form here <https://forms.office.com/e/EPDCLKc7x1> by Friday 1 March to authorise your child's examination leave. **Some students will be required to continue to attend school as usual until their final examination to support their preparation and revision. Parents of these students will be contacted separately by Thursday 28 March.** Those staying on site will be registered in their forms as usual each morning and afternoon session and will receive small group and individual tuition and support with revision.

Examinations and Revision Sessions

Details of examinations and revision materials can be found on the school website with a direct link to the timetable here <http://tinyurl.com/GCSETT>. Supervised silent study will be available to Year 11 to study in school throughout the exam period and students are encouraged to come in and make use of them. During study leave, students will be registered when they sit examinations however, if they are present in school at any other time, they will need to register with their form tutor if on site at the start of the morning or afternoon or sign in and out at Reception at any other time.

Leavers Day Arrangements – 3.40pm Finish

The traditional celebration to mark the start of the exam period will be held on Friday 3 May this year. For Year 11 the celebration begins with a barbecue on the school field at lunchtime followed by a group photograph and special assembly in the afternoon. Students will have an opportunity to spend time with their form tutors, teaching staff and peers to say any goodbyes, sign shirts and celebrate this important rite of passage as a community. **Students will leave school at the usual time of 3.40.** We are sure that it will be a very memorable and enjoyable experience for all.



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Book Return and Laptops

Following examinations, we require **students to return laptops, cases and chargers (if they are not staying on into Sixth Form), along with any books or equipment** lent to them by departments. Any debt on ParentPay accounts should be settled. **Students must complete a sign off sheet to confirm school property has been returned and debts cleared and return it to Sixth Form Office no later than 30 June.**

Sixth Form Induction takes place over two days in the last week of June. This is an important introduction to the routines and expectations of Sixth Form and an opportunity to experience sample lessons in your child's chosen subjects. Suggestions for summer reading and introductory tasks will be provided. This year induction will be on **Thursday 27 and Friday 28 June.**

GCSE examination results day this year falls on **Thursday 22 August**. Most students will wish to collect their results in person and so envelopes containing examination results will be available from the Sixth Form Centre from 8.00am. Members of the Upper School and Sixth Form Office team will be on hand to help with individual queries about post-16 applications on the day. There will be trained staff available to help students and parents/carers with advice about applying to college should this be required. Any student who wishes to have their examination results emailed to them must inform the examinations office. However, I strongly advise that students collect their results in person so that we can provide care, advice and guidance.

On behalf of the whole Upper School team and everyone here at school I wish students every success in their forthcoming examinations; they have been a delight to work with.

Yours sincerely,

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