

THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL 'Learning Together For The Future'

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# Year 11 Examination Timetables, Revision Classes and Leavers' Day Arrangements

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the Whitsun half term. We would like to take the opportunity to say a few words about the examination period, revision classes and leaving day arrangements and to applaud the way students continue to conduct themselves this year. Since joining Upper School in September 2021, 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 After Half Term

All Year 11 lessons will continue until Friday 26 May (half term) with the GCSE written exams beginning on Monday 15 May. It is expected that all students attend school until this time. After half term (from Monday 5th June) all students in Year 11 may apply for home study leave with parental permission. Thank you to those parents who have completed the form to request home study leave after half term. You will receive a letter from Upper School Office before half term to explain if study leave has been granted.

# **Examinations and Revision Sessions**

Details of examinations and revision sessions in school can be found by following this link - <u>https://bit.ly/42BexGM</u>. 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 sign in and out at Reception.

### Leavers Day Arrangements – 3.40pm Finish

The traditional celebration to mark the start of the exam period will be held on Friday 12 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.

### **Book Return and Laptops**

Following examinations, we require students to return laptops (if they are not staying on into Sixth Form), cases and chargers 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.



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**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 29 and Friday 30 June.

<u>GCSE examination results day</u> this year falls on Thursday 24 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. 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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