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Year 11 Examination Timetables and Study Leave

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the GCSE examination period, we would like to outline the arrangements for home study leave for Year 11 students. Our priority is to support every student in preparing effectively for their exams while ensuring they have the best possible conditions for success.

To support Year 11 with their revision and to help them plan effectively following their mock examinations, students took part in an assembly last week focused on reflecting on their mock outcomes and understanding the value of using a range of revision strategies. This work is being continued in Personal Development & Citizenship (PDC) lessons during the weeks beginning 9th and 23rd February.

The key message shared with students is the importance of creating - and sticking to - a well-structured revision timetable that encourages regular, consistent study sessions. Research shows that long periods spent repeating the same activity, such as simply re-reading notes, is rarely the most efficient or effective way to secure knowledge. The suggestions discussed in the assembly and PDC sessions are included in the attached slides.

From Monday 11th May, students may commence home study leave if requested by parents/carers. To request home study leave for your child, please complete the online form by Friday 13th March using the following link: [Application for home study leave for GCSE Exams](#).

For those who remain in school during the examination period, structured revision sessions and subject specific support will continue to be available. Some students, based on their progress and individual needs, will be required to remain in school to benefit from the structured learning environment. Where this is the case, parents will be contacted directly, and school attendance will be expected. If this applies to your child, you will receive a letter after half term which sets out the additional support they will receive between now and the start of the exam period. Successful engagement with this additional support will be taken into consideration when deciding on whether to grant Home Study Leave.

Home study allows students to revise in a quiet and personalised environment, remaining in school provides access to expert support, resources, and structured revision to help maintain focus and motivation. We encourage all families to consider which option will best support their child's learning and wellbeing in the lead-up to their examinations.

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 using their student ID cards.

Examination timetables and revision materials can be found on the school website: [Exam Timetables | Ecclesbourne School](#). Throughout the examination period supervised silent study will be available to Year 11 so that any student can choose to study in school at any time throughout the exam period and students are encouraged to make use of this facility.

There will be a Year 11 Celebration Assembly on the afternoon of Wednesday 6th May. There are no exams on this day and students will have an opportunity to spend time with their form tutors, teaching staff and peers to celebrate this important rite of passage as a community. We are sure that it will be a very memorable and enjoyable experience for all.

We hope you found parent's evening and the mock report useful. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that all our students are fully prepared for their GCSEs.

Yours sincerely,



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