



7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

## Year 11 Study Leave

I am writing to outline the study leave arrangements for Year 11 students during their GCSE exam period.

In order to best support students throughout the build-up and duration of their exams, students will be required to remain in class to revise and receive support from their class teachers until the final exam in that subject. Following that exam, the students will continue to attend those lessons, but will then have the freedom to revise for their other subjects up until their final exam, at which point there will no longer be the requirement for students to attend.

We have made this decision in order that the students can continue to benefit from the support of their teachers, in a structured environment, in which resources and guidance can be provided. Most especially because this Year Group has been disproportionately affected by the Covid pandemic and missed a significant number of lessons as a result of School and Year Group closures.

Subject "pre-exam" sessions will be provided before each exam in order to assist students in being exam ready. These sessions will look at difficult content, modelling of exam answers and practice exam questions. We are of the opinion that this strategy has the potential to move students through a grade boundary should they be close. In some students cases, this will mean the difference between being accepted onto their next steps or not.

We appreciate that in previous years, an earlier study leave has been agreed, but by moving the academic year back to September, we are now in a better position to support the students for an extended period of time, which we hope will provide them with further opportunities to succeed.

Students will be expected to attend School at the normal times and in normal School Uniform throughout this period.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish the students the very best of luck in the preparation for their upcoming exams.

Yours faithfully,

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