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Dear parent/ carer

We are now just over a week away from the main GCSE exam season. I would like to praise the resilience and determination of our students, who continue to commit themselves superbly to their studies. I would just like to reiterate some information which will be important for the next few weeks.

Year 11 School Uniform Expectations

As we approach the last few weeks of Year 11, to clarify students are expected to follow the full school uniform policy. This continues until their last day in school.

There is no change to our **footwear policy**. Footwear must be plain black polishable leather/leather-look and be free of unnecessary adornments such as bright coloured (e.g. gold) buckles .

- Make up – must be discreet including subtle foundation of the appropriate skin tone
- Earrings – we will permit one single stud in the earlobe only
- No other piercings are permitted e.g. nose, tongue. A student may wear a skin-coloured or clear retainer in their nose or ear only, but must not wear jewellery other than a single stud earring
- Bracelets and necklaces must not be worn

We remain committed to high standards of uniform as part of our effort to achieve high standards of conduct, behaviour and pride in the school. We thank you for your ongoing support. If there are any concerns regarding uniform, please contact the school.

Exam Timetables

All students have been given their individual exam timetables, which they must sign for in school. It is vital that they not only know when their exams are, but their seat number, centre and candidate numbers are important and will be used in every exam sat.

Year 11 Breakfasts

From Tuesday 5 May, the school will be open from 7:45am for students to come in and revise. We will provide breakfast – tea, hot chocolate and toast – and a quiet, safe space for them to revise. This was successful during the last round of mocks and will run throughout the exam season moving forward.

Examination Days

On the days your child has an external exam, please ensure if they are not in school for breakfast, that they are in school on time each day by 8:30am. There will be several morning “warmups” taking place to prepare them effectively for that day's examination. If you have any issues on the morning of an exam, please contact us immediately at school and the Year 11 team will be available to support.

School Day & Interventions

A huge number of hours are currently going into staffing and delivering intervention sessions daily, with a bespoke timetable now running meaning your child can access the subjects they need, at the times they need it most before their exams.

Unfortunately, a minority of students are not fully appreciating the support that is freely available to them and are demanding to leave school to go home. We know this only tends to increase the further along the exam period goes. Some are genuinely ill, but most are not. There remains a legal requirement for students to stay in school, and we have a safeguarding responsibility that students should be in school. Therefore, our expectation is that students will continue to stay in school, following their individual study timetables. To be clear, there is no such thing as ‘study leave’.

We know the exam period is stressful and fraught for all concerned, and we know that at times students can become overwhelmed but in school your child can access the expert knowledge of their teachers and pastoral leaders, who have years of experience and understanding of guiding students through this challenging process.

Results Day

This takes place on Thursday 20 August, with results available from 9am. We are looking forward to celebrating with the students what we are sure will be a fantastic set of results given all their hard work and dedication. However, if for whatever reason you are on holiday or not able to attend, student results will now be available from 11am on the 20 August on the new “Education Record England” app. We have asked all students to download this and will be giving them their unique QR codes and login details in school over the next few days. If you are due to be away, please ensure your child has access to this app before the end of the summer term so you can be sure to receive their results.

Prom & Yearbook

A reminder that the prom takes place on Thursday 2 July. Tickets are still available for this alongside the school yearbook, on the Arbor app. We look forward to seeing all of the students, for what will be a fantastic night.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mr Julian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Julian

Head of Year 11