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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Leavers Guide

Students have been given the Year 11 Leavers Guide. This contains important information about the lead up to the exam season, the exams and what happens afterwards.

The full version is attached to this email. Please find below a summary of the key content for parents. GCSE exams start on the 13 May and continue until 18 June, a full list of exam dates is provided in The Leavers Guide p10-11.

Students should be assembled in the common room and cloakrooms ready to be called in by 8:45 for morning exams and 1:30 for afternoon exams.

The normal school day and timetable continues until 24 May. The only exception is a student may choose to be absent for the morning only if they have a GCSE exam in the afternoon that day.

Results can be collected from school on Thursday 22 August between 10-11am; if students are not planning to collect their results they must provide a stamped addressed envelope to Miss Fluker, Examinations Officer by 23 May.

When students have received their results they should contact the colleges, the procedures and telephone numbers are in The Leavers Guide p.24

Certificate Presentation Evening will be on 7 November; invitations will be distributed on results day.

Students are expected to be in full uniform during the examination period.

Revision and support

Students have been taken through an effective revision process, illustrated in the Appendices pp.28-33. This is based on the latest evidence for improving long term memory and students are encouraged to use it. Blank templates for the revision process demonstrated are attached to this email. The 2 essential elements are to space out revision by following a plan and to ensure that every revision session involves recalling facts from memory or practice questions.

Timetabled revision sessions are offered in school throughout the exam period, these are detailed on pp17-19 and before each exam there is a Preparing to Perform session to help the students get into a positive mindset, timings are detailed on pp14-15.

In addition to having a well planned and effective approach to revision, it is equally important that students look after their well-being and maintain a positive mindset. Key advice to help them achieve this is on p7. This involves keeping active, establishing good sleep routines and eating well.

We wish all of Year 11 every success over the exam period.

Yours faithfully

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Achievement Leader Year 11

