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Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

Having written to you in February (when there were less than 100 days until the first GCSE examination), we are now at the point where Art exams have taken place, French speaking exams are in full swing, and the first written exam is next week! With this in mind, I wanted to remind parents and students about plans in place to support Year 11 students.

Students must remain at school until Friday 24th May (half term). Students must attend school and stay in lessons until this date. The input of subject specialist teachers is vital for students both in terms of subject knowledge and examination technique and guidance. This can then be supported by independent revision at home.

Some lessons will be replaced by targeted revision sessions, details about this were shared with students today and a copy is attached, to ensure they are all as prepared as possible for each exam. Our Examinations Manager, Mrs Emmett, will be distributing Exam Timetables in due course.

After the May half term students need only attend school when they have an exam or targeted revision session but they must ensure they arrive in school in good time:

- Morning exams start at 9.10am Students must be in the canteen by **8.50am**.
- Afternoon exams start at 1.15pm Students must be in the canteen by **12.55pm**

Targeted revision sessions will run before/after exams and students should attend wherever possible, details about this will be shared in the week before half term.

Celebration Day Students are invited to come to school on **Wednesday 12th June**, dressed in all their finery. After a morning of revision, students will then enjoy a celebratory sit-down meal together to mark the end of their formal schooling. Students will be served by their Tutors, Head of Year and Senior Staff. Year books will be handed out before they leave. Students will be able to leave from 2.30pm with parental consent but further details will follow nearer the time.

Important Reminders:

- Students **MUST** be available up to and including **Wednesday 26th June** for the national contingency day
- Full school uniform is required for all exams. **Hoodies are not permitted**
- A clear pencil case must be used in examinations together with only black inked pens.
- A clear water bottle only in exams.
- Absolutely **NO** watches (smart or analogue), devices and/or mobile telephone to be brought into the examination room. The student will be withdrawn from their exam if they have any of these with them.
- The Year 11 Prom will be held at Haselbury Mill on **Wednesday 3rd July 2024**. Tickets can be purchased via ParentMail.
- It would be very helpful for our planning and printing if you could indicate if your child would like to purchase a Yearbook by clicking on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/vdXqVVA1sC> as soon as possible, and **no later than 10th May**.
- **GCSE Results Day is Thursday 22nd August 2024**. Students will be able to collect their certificates from school in November 2024.

I wish all students the best of luck and look forward to seeing the results of their efforts and hard work on results day.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely

Mr J See
Director of Learning and Achievement