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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 11 and the continuing GCSE examination period

As we enter the last half term break for Year 11s, we felt that it was an appropriate time to explain how we intend to manage the remaining time before GCSE examinations are completed.

The school week Monday 6th June to Friday 10th June is the final time we will be running a full school timetable for Year 11s. We encourage all students to attend every day, for all 5 periods.

We believe that most students can best be supported if they are in school whilst they still have a high proportion of their examinations still to complete.

Some of the benefits of being in school are as follows:

- Expertise provided by teachers, particularly pertinent this year as we have been given advanced information about many of the papers and can focus students specifically to the content of each paper. We do not want students using valuable revision time outside of school on content that may not be assessed at all or content that is not on the paper they will be sitting next.
- Sharing worries and successes with your peers and teachers. Students at home can become isolated and easily distracted. By being in school, students can be reassured and supported by our experienced teams of specialists, as well as speaking to their peers and realising it is not just them.
- Good habits of being awake and alert early in the day, ready for a 9:00am examination paper. We believe that keeping up routines around examinations is a part of the preparation. This is particularly important in the week beginning 6th June, as all students have at least 3 core subject examinations at 9:00am within this period.
- A chance to say thank you to the teachers in the school and the students you have spent time with and for teachers to offer some tips to support those crucial final revision hours.

On Friday 10th June, most students will have reached the point at which they have completed many of their subjects. At this point, running a full timetable is no longer feasible and from Monday 13th June, students should attend any GCSE examinations but are no longer expected to attend lessons.

We will be providing support sessions the day before and sometimes on the day of the remaining examinations and we encourage all students to attend these.

During the revision session, teachers will be providing a focused, last minute preparation time for the subject being studied.

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We will be issuing all students with a finalised copy of this before the end of the first week back after half term.

Uniform Expectations

We have been impressed by the standard of uniform that we have seen during the examination period and would like to remind students that this must be maintained. We want the minutes before examinations to be calm and supportive and having to manage missing uniform would be detrimental to this process.

Geography Examination information for all students

For all students studying Geography, please be aware that there has been a change to the length of the paper 2.

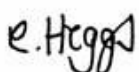
Your current timetable incorrectly states that the paper is 1 hour 30 minutes.

It has been reduced to 1 hour 15 minutes considering the content changes this year. If you receive extra time, this will be based on the 1 hour 15 minutes and be added on appropriately.

Finally, we have been so pleased with the attitude and approach that the Year 11 students have shown so far during the examinations. We'd like to remind families and students that we are here to support you wherever we can.

We wish you all the very best over the remaining examination period and please remember we are here to help.

Yours faithfully,



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