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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are no doubt aware the GCSE exams are about to begin in earnest from next week and I would therefore like to take this opportunity to wish all the Year 11 students all the best over the forthcoming weeks. Most have worked extremely hard this past year and are taking the exams very seriously.

During the exam period from Monday, the timings of the day will change in the following ways:

- Our **Prep Time** session, between 2.40pm and 3.00pm, is a valuable 20 minutes in which students can revise in silence. While we would encourage Year 11 students to continue to attend Prep Time, some are telling us they prefer to study in longer chunks at home. Prep Time will therefore now be optional for Year 11.

We have reminded students that if they have revision classes after school they should attend Prep Time first. They can now revise any subject during Prep Time if they attend.

For this reason, the official school day will now end at 2.40pm for Year 11. However, we would welcome your support in encouraging your child to stay for Prep especially if they have revision classes after school.

- During the exam period, there is no official study leave and students should attend their normal lesson if they have not yet sat the exam in that subject. Once they have sat their exam in a specific subject, they need not attend school for that subject. Students can then choose to study at home during these times.

**Please note:** Students are welcome to study in school during these times and there may be additional revision sessions for other subjects running at these times.

- Before every exam, there is a **pre exam-revision classes** and it is vital all students attend these. We will endeavour to send texts to remind students and parents of any revision sessions running.
- Some exams may run past 3.00pm and so your child may have to organise alternative arrangements concerning travelling home.

Please remind your child that if they do choose to come in for any classes, they must go straight to that class and not wander round the school disturbing other classes. They must also come in with the sole purpose of revising or sitting an exam. If a student disturbs any Year 11 revision classes, we will have to ask the student to revise from home and only come in to attend exams. Please can you also remind your child that they must wear their uniform when they attend school during the exam period.

If you have not yet downloaded the Expressions App, it is worth doing so as individual exam timetables are on this.

On Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12.00 we will be inviting all Year 11 pupils back (in uniform) to have a final year group leaver's assembly, where they can take photos, sign shirts and say goodbye to their teachers. We are also looking into having an official photographer, but this will be dependent on student demand.

Finally thank you for all the support you have shown the school. We look forward to a good set of results this summer.

Best wishes on behalf of all of the staff

Armando Di-Finizio  
Headteacher