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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 End of Year Arrangements

GCE and Vocational Examinations

Year 13 students are in the final weeks, not just of their Sixth Form, but of their entire school career. So, thank you for working in partnership with us throughout these years. Although this is a stressful time for each and every student, all in the Sixth Form team are enormously proud of the achievements and the resilience of our students.

It is now important that students can prepare for their final exams in the conditions which best suit them as individuals. Therefore, **from Monday 4**th **June, Year 13 students will have study leave**. That means that students are able to study at home when not required in school for ongoing examination preparation and revision with their subject teachers.

However, there are also numerous sources of help and support in school, not least from Mrs Whelan and their Form Tutors. So many students may well choose to come into school regularly, until their final examination. To fulfil safe-guarding requirements, we simply ask that students sign in and out, in the normal way, at reception; equally, Sixth Form dress code is the expectation whenever students are on site.

The examination period this year continues until June 25th. Students were issued with their individual timetables some time ago.

Morning examinations start at 9.00 and all students must register with Mrs Whelan in the study centre by 8.45.

Afternoon examinations start at 1.00 and all students should similarly register, by 12.45.

Even though our students are now responsible young adults, please do encourage, as we have done, the essential exam preparation of eating a nourishing breakfast, ensuring enough sleep, as well as maintaining healthy life-balances including rest, relaxation and exercise.

May Half-Term (28th May- 1st June) Sixth Form opening

Students will be aware of curriculum areas continuing to offer revision and support sessions in half-term. However, on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th the Sixth Form Study Centre will also be open for all students between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm. It will function as a quiet study area, as it has throughout this exam period.

Leaving Date

Although students will complete their exams at different points, the final Leavers' Assembly will be **1-3pm on Wednesday 20 June**, and we very much hope that all Year 13 students will be able to join us for a final celebration, which they thoroughly deserve.

Results Day and Future Plans

A Level results day this year is **Thursday 16th August 2018. Our students will be able to pick up their results from 9 am.**

For our university applicants, it is important that they are able to speak to universities directly, should that be necessary, if their place is not automatically confirmed by their universities of choice. I will be in school, along with key colleagues, to join our students in celebrations, but also to give advice and support. Students progressing to university in 2018 should have already completed their finance applications and, in most cases, have arranged their first-year accommodation. If you have any concerns or queries, about any aspect of Higher Education, please contact me directly.

Our students are increasingly accessing good higher apprenticeship opportunities. Applying directly through the National Apprenticeship website is the most comprehensive source of opportunities (https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship). However, Year 13 students are also invited to our Careers Fair on Wednesday 27 June, 1-3 pm. In addition, we have an extended careers event for parents to access, following the Fair, between 4 and 6pm. More details will be following both about that, and a Higher Education Information event for all Sixth Form parents and carers, in July. You are most welcome to come along to these events.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish your son or daughter continued good luck in their examinations. It is our intention to start a WFA alumni group, led by our current Head Boy and Head Girl, so that we are more easily able to hear about the many and varied future successes of our Sixth Formers.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to be in touch should you have any queries or concerns.

With sincere good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Louise Mann Head of Sixth Form