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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to confirm the schedule and arrangements for the final few weeks of study and schooling for our Year 11 students.

Year 11 students should have been revising at home, and working through their personalised revision plans since March. GCSE exams start in two weeks so please ensure you, and your child, have read the "orange booklet" which contains all of the rules and regulations as well as being familiar with their exam timetables.

Study leave and revision sessions

Written exams commence the week beginning Monday 13 May with timetabled lessons continuing until Friday 24 May. During this time, some students will complete all of the examinations for a particular subject and as such their lessons in that subject will switch to private study (the teacher and room will remain the same). It will be the responsibility of the student to bring the necessary revision work with them when this is the case.

Prior to half term morning exams begin at 9.10am so students should attend tutor time at 8.50am as usual so that they can be registered and hear any important messages.

Study leave comes into effect on Monday 3 June. During this time we expect students to be in school to sit examinations and to attend scheduled revision sessions. When a student is not in an exam or revision session then they may study from home. Students **must** sign in and out at main reception when on the school site during this time.

The timetable for revision sessions is as follows:

Monday 13 May – GCSE Exams begin		
Thursday 16 May	11.10am-12.50am	All Computer Science Students in GIT
Tuesday 21 May	11.10am-12.50am	All Geography students, with their usual teacher, in: Mr Stubbs in Q1 Mr Newall in GE3 Mr Hooker in Q3 Mrs George in Q2 Mr Sills in H6 Mrs Turner in GE2 Mr Sales in GE1 <i>Given the Spanish exam is the following morning – those students that would miss a Spanish lesson by attending this revision session may choose to stay in Spanish for either (or both) of these lessons</i>
Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May HALF TERM		
Monday 3 June – Home study arrangements begin		
Monday 3 June	11.10am-12.50pm	All Music students with your usual teacher: Mr Salida in MU3 Mr Mortimer in MU2
Tuesday 4 June	11.10am-12.50pm	All Business Studies students in the Sixth Form Theatre (SFT)
Friday 7 June	11.10am-12.50pm	All Science students (including Triple Science) Usual subject teacher in the usual room (Friday Week 1)

When in school students are required to be in full school uniform. A student's right to attend the Year 11 Celebration Day and the Year 11 Ball is dependent on them attending these revision sessions and behaving as we would normally expect them to. Students with 'trapped' time in-between revision sessions or exams (or those students who prefer to work at school) will have a room in school provided for silent private study.

Keys dates and events following GCSE exams

The last GCSE exam takes place on the morning of Thursday 20 June and there are a number of key events for Year 11 around this date:

Tuesday 18 June from 1.15 pm onwards	Year 11 'Celebration Afternoon'
Wednesday 19 June	Year 11 Ball at Cadbury House
Friday 21 June	Sixth Form Induction Day for Year 11 students
<i>Please bear in mind students need to be available until Wednesday 26 June should the exam boards need to use contingency arrangements.</i>	
Also one final date for your diary: Thursday 22 August at 10am - GCSE results day	

Celebration afternoon

Students are invited to join us from 1.15 pm on Tuesday 18 June to celebrate the end of their GCSE exams. Year 11 students are to register with their tutors in their tutor bases at 1.15 pm. Students who have ordered leavers hoodies will be given them on this date. The afternoon will be spent signing shirts, saying thank you to teachers and attending their final assembly.

Sixth Form Induction Day

This is compulsory for all current Year 11 students who are hoping to attend Sixth Form from September 2019.

Year 11 Ball

This will take place from 7.00 pm at Cadbury House. The dress code is smart and tickets will be issued to students once they have returned all items to school/paid any outstanding monies. Parents are welcome to join us for the arrival at Cadbury House however please follow directions from staff and park responsibly as it can become very busy and we do not wish to cause problems for others. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that this is a school event and year 11 students are not old enough to be drinking alcohol. Should we feel any student is under the influence they will not be allowed into the ball and you will be asked to take them home with you/collect them immediately.

We wish all students the best of luck with their upcoming exams and would like to thank you in advance for your support over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Nunes
Headteacher