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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are well into the Year 11 exam period and our students have already completed vital practical moderation in P.E. and their exams in Drama, Nutrition and Food, Art and MFL speaking. I wanted to share with you the plans that we intend putting into place for our students for the remainder of the time they are with us here at Lacon Childe. We feel that having all of our students in front of their teachers for as long as possible will enable them to get the best possible GCSE grades; however, we realise that many of our students would prefer to study at home for some of this time.

Normal timetable arrangements:

Year 11 will follow a normal timetable, attending all usual lessons until Friday 24th May. They will, of course, sit many of their final examinations during this period.

After the Whitsun half term holiday, the exam period continues for a further thirteen days. We will not be continuing with normal timetabling arrangements from this point. This short period of '**Study Leave**' will be carried out under the following conditions:

- Students will need to be in school at least fifteen minutes prior to the start time of any exam they will be sitting.
- Any student using school transport or Lacon minibuses will stay in school for the entire day, unless collected and taken home by an adult. They will not be permitted to leave school and then return to get the school bus home.
- Students who live in Cleobury Mortimer and are able to walk home will be permitted to leave school after an exam provided I have received consent from parents/carers by letter or email (not by phone).
- Students will not be allowed to go to friends' houses, to play in the park or on the school fields.
- All students must sign in and sign out of school immediately on arrival and when they leave – if this is before the end of the normal school day.
- Teachers will still provide selected timetabled lessons. Students will be informed of the arrangements for these.
- Study rooms will be available during this period for students who remain in school.

Study Rooms and Specialist Study Sessions:

- In order to further support our students, we are creating additional, longer blocks of time for subjects to work with students prior to their exam. For example, if they have an exam in the afternoon, we will endeavour to run an extended revision session for that subject during the morning periods. These **specialist study sessions** could make a great deal of difference to your child's exam performance.

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- As students complete their exams in a subject, those sessions that are timetabled as normal lessons will revert to study sessions in a **Study Room** (possibly the same as their subject room). This is an ideal opportunity to complete last minute revision in subjects still to be examined.
- Students **must** arrive at these sessions prepared to study. They bring their own resources, books etc. so that they can study effectively.

This is a crucial time for all our Year 11 students and therefore we expect the best possible behaviour, attendance and approach to this period. I will have no hesitation to remove any student from school whose behaviour is detrimental to the achievements of others in the year.

After the final whole year group exam, which is Physics on Friday 14th June, we will have our traditional Leavers' Assembly where students will spend the rest of the day together with their tutors for one final time. We will provide a special buffet lunch and remember the wonderful five years we have shared together at Lacon Childe School. Students will, as tradition dictates, sign shirts and their leavers books. Pupils will leave school at the end of the day. Only those students studying German will return for further examinations.

I would like to ask you for your support in this matter by ensuring that your child fully understands the procedures we have put in place. Our students will achieve great things if they work hard, revise and prepare for their forthcoming exams. Luck has very little to do with success. The harder they work, the luckier they will become and they will generally get the results they deserve in their exams.

I look forward to seeing you and your children on the GCSE Results Day on Thursday 22nd August 2019.

Yours sincerely,



Darren Reynolds
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