

# THE WEY VALLEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and carers

I am writing to you regarding the end of year arrangements for Year 11.

You will be aware that we had, originally, rewritten the Year 11 timetable for the two weeks before and after half term. We had done this to enable students to be taught by their relevant Year 11 subject teachers in the order that the exams were scheduled. This is a practice now widely adopted across the country, designed to give students strong support in the lead up to the examinations. In order for this arrangement to take place the rest of the school's lessons would have been covered.

It is with much disappointment that I have, now, had to suspend this arrangement and return year 11 to their original timetable. Unfortunately only very few students were coming in to make use of the support on offer to them and I cannot justify the rest of the school being without their specialist teachers for three weeks when such a small number of year 11s have been coming in.

I have spoken to the year group and assured those who have been attending that their year 11 lessons will continue to be available to them in line with their old timetable, right through the exam period. I have also made clear to those students who are choosing to stay at home, or only coming in for occasional sessions, that they must ensure that they are revising properly.

In each subject at GCSE only a certain number of grades will be awarded at each number or letter. I have reminded the students that Weymouth and Portland is out of kilter with the rest of the country in having a long study leave and that, historically, the examination results in the area have been below national levels. Whilst I understand that some students feel more comfortable revising at home it is vital that they do not lose ground against students who may still be attending in school revision sessions. Year 11 have had excellent support and preparation for the exams and I do not wish any student to lose ground at this stage.

As of today Year 11 are, therefore, on study leave. This means:

- 1.) They need to be in for all of their exams
- 2.) They are encouraged to attend their year 11 old timetable lessons. Where that subject's exam has not yet taken place there will be taught revision,



where the exam has happened students can undertake supervised revision of their own choice.

- 3.) If students study at home they need to sign in and out of school whenever they attend either for exams or any revision sessions which they choose to attend
- 4.) School uniform needs to be worn whenever in school.
- 5.) The walking talking mocks will take place as follows in the Will Mackaness Hall ( and these override their old timetable)
  - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May periods 1 and 2: Maths
  - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May: periods 4 and 5: English Literature
  - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: periods 3 and 4: English Language
  - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June: periods 3 and 4: Maths
  - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June: periods 3 and 4: English Language
  - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June: periods 4 and 5: Maths

Please note that half term for year 11 will start immediately after their morning exam on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May (Maths –finish time approx. 11am). Year 11 will go home to study for the rest of that day, leaving school at 11am after their examination.

The farewell celebration leavers' assembly will still take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June to which parents are invited. Further details will follow regarding this from Mr Hunt, Head of Year 11. For those parents needing to ask for time off work to attend, the anticipated start time is 11.30am.

Parents may be aware that, in the past, this ceremony was followed by a water fight event. Unfortunately insurance and health and safety issues mean that this can no longer take place on school premises. We will, therefore, ask students to leave with their parents at the end of the ceremony on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. However, we do look forward to a night of fun and dancing at the Prom on 14<sup>th</sup> July as well as coming together again with, hopefully, much to celebrate on results day on August 24<sup>th</sup> when school will be open from 10am-12 noon for students to collect their results.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for working with us to support Year 11 through this exam period and in ensuring that they do their very best. Please do not hesitate to contact the Year 11 office if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



S Adams  
Principal