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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to celebrate how brilliant Year 11 have been since the start of their exams. The exams team have been incredibly impressed and offered praise for students' conduct and focus, particularly following the Science exam this morning after a long and busy week. So far, it seems like the exams are going well, with many happy faces and a positive buzz about the place.

Next week is students' final week of school before study leave commences after half term. We have had a few issues this week with students leaving site without permission and/or without signing out. Therefore, ahead of Monday, I wanted to share a few reminders:

- Students are expected to attend school for full days next week, with lessons and booster sessions attended around exams. These lessons and sessions are aiding preparation for exams, and undoubtedly contributing to students' positive feelings following each exam.
- Students should not be leaving site without permission. When students do, a safeguarding concern
 emerges as students cannot be accounted for. Unless medical evidence has been provided, or prior
 arrangements have been made with myself, absences will be unauthorised. If students are leaving
 school site, they must sign out at reception.
- From Monday 3rd June, students will only have to attend school when they have an exam; however, they are welcome to continue to follow their normal timetable to continue to access support from their teachers. Students are also welcome to use the school library as a quiet study space.

We understand that some students feel like they would work better from home; however, we do encourage ongoing attendance to lessons prior to half term to aid structured revision and access to support from subject specialists. I would also encourage students to attend the post half-term revision booster sessions, which have been scheduled.

The schedule for revision booster sessions is attached for easy reference.

In a week's time, students will attend their official last day. Due to morning lessons being in core subjects, students will attend Periods 1 to 4. At lunchtime, they will be able to sign shirts before attending their final tutor time with their tutor at 13:00, which is when yearbooks and hoodies will be distributed. At 13:20, students will make their way over to the main school hall for their leavers' assembly. Students will be dismissed at the end of the assembly, which may be ahead of 15:00. Students who catch a bus will be able to wait on site until 15:00. Students are welcome to decorate their shirts ahead of the final day, as long as there are no indecent images or inappropriate language on display.

I look forward to celebrating with students next Friday after another busy week of exams. I encourage them all to take some time out this weekend to relax and unwind – the rest is very well-deserved. I am so proud of them all!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss M Owen Head of Year 11