



Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 Study Leave Update

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 11 students. They have made an excellent start to their GCSE exams and for some students, they are halfway there! It has certainly been an intense fortnight for them, and we hope that their authorised study leave will support them in their final stages of revision and exam preparation.

Upon reflecting on the exams undertaken this week, we have made the decision to grant Year 11 study leave after the English Language Paper 1 exam, on the **earlier date of Thursday 21st May**. Where students are not required to attend the Business booster period 3, Business exam at 1pm or the PE Boosters period 5, they are allowed to leave site after their English Language Paper 1 exam is complete. Please note that school buses will not be running at this time and therefore students needing to remain on site can still attend timetabled lessons.

We will also be collecting their phone pouches following their English Language Paper 1 examination (those in the Business exam/PE boosters will have theirs collected later in the day). For all students leaving site after the English Language exam, they will be invited to the front of school (outside the Leisure Centre) where they can unlock their pouches and place them in the collection bags. However, **school still remains 'phone free'** so when students are back on site after May half term, either for exams or boosters, they will be expected to have their **phones switched off and placed in their bags**. These will continue to be checked prior to entering their examination venues in adherence with JCQ regulations.

Where students are attending school for a booster session, they must sign in and out via Main Reception. However, if they are on site for examinations only, they may go straight to their exam venue (or the Main Hall if a Warm Up is taking place) and they will be registered from there.

We understand that this can be a challenging time, and we are committed to supporting all of our students both academically and emotionally. As part of our continued support, teachers will be offering revision boosters for many subjects during the study leave period, and we strongly encourage all students to attend these where possible. A timetable of sessions available will be shared by the end of this week via Class Charts. A polite reminder that students must continue to wear full school uniform for both their examinations and any revision sessions they attend.

Please remind your child of the importance of maintaining a structured revision schedule at home, making use of the materials and guidance provided by their teachers. It is essential that they continue to focus during this critical time to achieve the best possible outcomes. Should your child have any questions or require additional support, they are welcome to contact their subject teachers, tutors, or the pastoral team.

We are so proud of the hard work and dedication our Year 11 students have shown throughout the year and wish them the very best as they continue with their revision and examinations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Feast

