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Dear Parents/Carers

As the GCSE examinations are fast approaching, we would like to clarify the arrangements during the next few months regarding attendance and expectations.

A comprehensive Final Countdown programme has been constructed to allow students to focus on specific subjects based on the examination timetable. This consists, focused revision lessons and a 'Warm-up session', which reinforces key points to remember immediately prior to the examination.

The timetable of these sessions will be distributed this week and details of the examinations will be available on the Academy website.

Students are expected to attend lessons as normal unless they are completing a Warm-up session until Friday 24 May. Some students are under the impression the option of 'study leave' is available before half term. We would like to confirm this is not the case.

From Monday 3 June students will be expected to attend the Warm-up sessions. Staff will be available for additional support for those subjects in which they still have examinations to take during their normal timetabled lessons.

At other times, students will be able to sign out and complete independent study at home. If students wish to use the Library, it will be available during the day for revision purposes but they will not be allowed to use other areas of the school.

The official leaving date for students is the day of their final GCSE examination.

We would like to remind students that they are still expected to follow Academy rules with regard to uniform and behaviour. **A student who is not wearing correct uniform will not be allowed to sit the examination.** Any student displaying inappropriate behaviour will not be allowed onsite to attend a Warm-up session and if they cause disruption in the examination may be removed and may not be allowed to complete the paper. Students have been informed that inappropriate behaviour may result in the removal of their invitation to attend the end of year Prom.


We are aware that a number of students have part-time jobs. Whilst we support this as it develops important life skills and provides some additional income, please discuss with your child, the short-term benefits of working long hours compared to the long-term benefits of gaining good GCSE/BTEC results.

Finally, a reminder that GCSE results day is Thursday 22 August and they can be collected from the Main Hall from 10.00 – 11.30 am. If a student is not able to collect the results personally, a letter authorising their release is required and the person collecting must have suitable identification.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish the students good luck and thank you for your support in helping to prepare them for their GCSE examinations.

Yours sincerely

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