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Dear Parent/Carer

During our work with year 11 students this year we have encouraged resilience as a learning attitude towards their studies and installing a belief that effort is important in the pursuit of reaching their goals.

There is much to admire about the hard work and dedication that has been seen from the majority of the year group in recent weeks. Final exam preparation is well under way and I am pleased to report attendance at after school revision sessions has been good and sustained over the three month period. Many students have taken the opportunity to work alongside their teachers and make use of the free transport provided. The transport after school will finish on Thursday 11 May; however, bespoke sessions after school will run via teacher individual teacher communication.

In addition we have already held a number of successful intervention events where identified students have had the opportunity to boost English and Maths.

There will also be opportunities to attend revision booster sessions after half term, please find a copy of the timetable for these revision boosters included with this letter.

Although many students will have already completed practical assessments the examination period does not officially start until Monday 15 May. With this in mind I would like to be clear about our expectations:

- **Students must wear full school uniform at all times.** Jeans and trainers are not acceptable. We will relax the rules and allow students to sit exams without the need to wear a tie once we pass the May half term.
- Student attendance to school **every day** is vital at this stage. Many courses are complete and teachers will be delivering revision sessions and ensuring that students are practising exam-style questions in lessons.
- Students are expected to be in lessons at all times unless they have a timetabled examination, when they must return to normal lessons on completion
- Student engagement is essential. Where there is disruption or non-compliance it affects the learning of others. Students who fail to comply will be removed from lessons.

At this time it is also an opportunity for Year 11 pupils and staff to celebrate their time together at Wollaston School. It is our hope that all students will wish to be a part of these events and celebrate the end of an era. However, we do reserve the right to refuse attendance to the celebratory events for students whose behaviour, effort or attendance falls significantly below expectation. This has already been made clear to the students and it is not intended to be a hurdle, rather an incentive to do well. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this policy please feel free to contact me at school.

There are some key dates which I would like to bring to your attention:

Monday 15 May **Formal examination period**

During this period all students must be in school and in normal timetabled lessons with the exception of any exams they are sitting.

Friday 26 May **Year 11 Leavers Day**

Year 11 Leavers Day will take place on Friday 26 May following the GCSE English examination.

- *Exam 9.15am – 11.45am (Those with extra time 12.15pm).*
- *Late break/period 4 shirt signing.*
- *Lunch shirt signing.*
- *Period 5 and 6 Time with Tutor and Leavers assembly (The wearing of School uniform including jumper is essential).*

Monday 5 June **Revision booster programme**

After May half term, the examinations continue but students will not be expected to be in school unless they are attending a bespoke booster revision session or have an exam. If a student decides that school is the most productive place to be for them on a particular day during this period then, of course, we will supervise and facilitate them in the dining room of Cucina.

It is important for safety reasons that all students continue to register when they are at school. Students must sign in on arrival, at Student Services. It is also vital that students remember to sign out if they leave school before 3:00pm.

Monday 26 June **Formal examination period ends**

Students are no longer required to be in school.

Friday 7 July **Year 11 Prom**

Every student, once they receive their prom ticket offer will receive a letter with all the details. Last offers will be made on Friday 5 May and Friday 26 May.

Thursday 24 August **GCSE results collection date**

Students may collect their GCSE results from 9.00am in the main hall.

Alternatively they can be viewed on line via our website on INSIGHT.

I continue to wish all year 11 students the very best for their exams. I hope that they finish this final stage of the process with one last push so that they achieve the best results possible and enjoy the celebrations that accompany this period of time.

Best wishes



Assistant Headteacher

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