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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 huge 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 pleasing.

Although many students will have already completed practical assessments the examination period does not officially start until Monday 13th May. With this in mind I would like to be clear about our expectations:

- Students must wear full school uniform at all times. This includes black trousers and not jeans or leggings and black shoes and not trainers. Ties must be worn at all times.
- 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; on completion of an exam students must return to normal lessons.
- 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.

Students have now been issued with a final copy of their exam timetable and this is also available in Insight. Please do make sure this is checked and if there are any issues, please do not hesitate to contact the exams team.

In addition to the above, included with this letter is the 'Exam's Guidance Booklet' which will hopefully provide you with the answers to any questions you may have regarding the exam process. We would encourage you to take the time to familiarise yourself with the content as it covers a wide range of information regarding taking exams, as well as the steps to take should there be an issue with your son or daughter sitting an exam.

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.



There are some key dates which I would like to remind you of:

Monday 13th May **Formal examination period begins**

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

Friday 14th June **Year 11 Leavers Day**

Year 11 Leavers Day will take place on Friday 14th June following the GCSE Physics examination.

- *Exam 9.15am – 10:45am*
- *Period 3 and 4 – shirt signing and year group time.*
- *Lunch*
- *Period 5 & 6 Time with Tutor and Leavers assembly (The wearing of School uniform is essential).*

Following this date, students are only expected in school for any formal exams they have remaining.

Thursday 27th June **Year 11 Prom**

The Prom will take place at Sharnbrook Hotel

Thursday 29th August **GCSE results collection date**

Students may collect their GCSE results from 9am in the main hall.

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

The Year 11 Team