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Dear All

As we enjoy the early Bank Holiday sunshine I thought I'd write to remind you about the important dates coming up for Year 11.

Currently revision is taking place and staff are busily preparing our students for their exams. The first exam in the summer series is on Friday May 12th, with most beginning on the following Monday for the majority of students.

Year 11 have been working towards these exams for a long time now and should feel confident (if a little nervous) about them. They know the procedures, where to go and what to take with them into the exam hall. **Please ask your child to read the exam procedures posters** – any breaking of the exam regulations can have very serious consequences – and we want to avoid mistakes: they know these include no phones/watches on their person, a clear pencil case, a clear water bottle, no communicating with others in the exam hall, etc. They also need to listen to and follow the invigilators who will ensure the exam runs smoothly. Any concerns should be raised with Mrs Grundy in the Examination Office.

From the 15th May there will be a 'Revision Breakfast' each day for the first exam of the day, if the exam is in the afternoon then during period 2 there will be an opportunity to revise. Details of these are in the Revision Booklet 2 which was published last month.

Lessons will continue until the final paper is sat in the subject and so right through until the end of June. However the final day students must be in school full time is June 5th. After this date they may wish to revise at home but be aware staff will be available, if coming into school they should sign in and out at Reception as there won't be a tutor time.

During **period 3 on Friday May 12th we will have a Leavers Assembly for Year 11**. At this the students will hear from key staff and also have the chance to sign each other's shirts. For this day they **MUST be in school uniform, and will need to bring in a spare shirt and a pen for signing in the afternoon**. Unless involved in the exam or the assembly, then year 11 are expected to be in their lessons as usual during this day and I ask you remind them to ensure this is a pleasant and memorable event for all the right reasons. The year group are amazing but I appreciate that they might get carried away and they need to understand they can't disrupt the rest of the school.

To mark the end of their exams **the Year 11 Prom is on Thursday June 22nd**. The evening starts at 6.15pm, and after 'mocktails', food and a disco, the weary revelers need to be picked up at 11pm.

The final exam is on June 20th and then the students have a lovely long summer to relax, collecting their **results on August 24th** and celebrating their success. Details will follow for the day but we are usually based in the 6th Form Block and staff are around to congratulate and to assist with any last minute changes.

This will be a busy few months for the year 11, and consequently for you. Thank you in advance for all your support, please do stay in contact and let Mr. Brooks or I know if you have any concerns.

Best wishes (and good luck)

Catherine Laird

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