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Dear Parent/Carer

Examination Preparation and Year 11 Leavers' Day

I am sure you will be well aware that GCSE examinations are approaching. Please remember the range of resources that the school provides to support revision and study outside of school. We purchase resources including Sam Learning and GCSE Pod; these are in addition to other school resources such as Google Classroom, revision guides and exercise books.

This year, more than previous years, students will sit a greater number of examinations. The increase in examinations has reduced the flexibility within school as we have to schedule, house and administer more exams. In addition, the examination window has been shortened by the exam boards to condense the time of the examination period.

We have carefully considered different approaches and experiences for exam preparation and study. Using our own experiences and that from other schools we have decided, in association with Pilton Community College, that the final day for Year 11 students will be Friday 14th June.

The final compulsory day for Year 11 to attend school will be Friday 14th June. Students should attend school as normal up until this date. Once exams start, the timetable will continue to run but students will have some flexibility of which subject they study based on their exam timetable. The subject teacher for that lesson will support specific revision until the final exam for their subject with general support available beyond this.

As students remain in school during their exams they will continue with routines and systems they are familiar with ensuring they are in the right frame of mind to take their exams. Staff will be on hand to provide support and guidance, as they were during mock examinations in Year 10 and 9 and at the start of this academic year.

This is a slight change from our historical dates but I am sure that parents and students will understand the benefit of additional structured time in school, ensuring students are ready for examinations. This leavers date also allows the school the opportunity of a formal goodbye to our Year 11 cohort on the afternoon of Friday 14th June at the end of the school day which will mark the formal end of their five-year association with Park and secondary education.

Yours sincerely

Gareth Roscoe
Headteacher