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**Dear Parents** 

As we approach the Year 11 GCSE Examinations I write to inform you of the arrangements we have put in place to support your son/daughter at this critical time. All Year 11 lessons will continue to take place until the end of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May with students being released from lessons to undertake their examinations as specified on the already published timetable. Teachers will be teaching or supervising revision sessions and we believe that for many students this is the best use of time during this period. From Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May until the half term break (Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May) students are welcome to come into school to study and staff will be in the normal timetabled rooms and available to help students, should they want to take advantage of this.

After half term any student wishing to come into school any time from 8.00 am to do private revision or to speak with individual members of staff may do so using the rooms specified at Reception at the beginning of each day. Students should wear full school uniform during the examination period and need to sign in at reception on arrival, if they are not in an exam.

There will be a series of 'focus' sessions where refreshments will be made available to the students ahead of certain morning exams. These sessions will be in the Main Hall on the mornings of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

There will be specific exam revision sessions for English on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May and Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June, then Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May, Tue 7<sup>th</sup> and Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June for Maths. Mrs Fairburn (English) and Mr Daly (Maths) will be inviting specific pupils by letter to these sessions.

We are very conscious that the remaining time prior to and during the examinations is vitally important in relation to the outcomes in August and we would ask that every student uses this time constructively both at school and at home. Mr Bean and Mrs King will be available at any time during the exam period to discuss specific issues.

We have been very impressed by the maturity shown by the students in Year 11 this year and obviously wish them well for what lies ahead.

Yours sincerely

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