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Dear Parents / Carers

**Year 11 Study Leave 2022**

As you are aware, Year 11 students are expected to complete their education by remaining in school until the end of Term 5 (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022).

The calendared date for the start of Year 11 students' Study Leave period is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The rationale for the date being after the external exam series has begun is so that students can continue to access high quality revision lessons with their subject teachers as well as have access to personalised pastoral care which is critical at this pressurised time. From our experience, we believe that the best place for Year 11 students to be at this time is in school to ensure that they get the support that they need.

However, we have received several requests for study leave to begin this term for a small number of students. We can only authorise absence from school at this important time if there is an underlying reason which can explain the student's absence from school.

If you wish for your child to study at home when not in examinations, then the reason given should relate to a pre-existing condition / need that the school is aware of and how studying from home will support this need. Please submit this in writing as this will form part of the audit. Please send the request and details of the reason behind the request with the student's name via email to Mr Cheeseman - [ben.cheeseman@rednockschool.org.uk](mailto:ben.cheeseman@rednockschool.org.uk).

Please be advised that if we do grant permission for your son or daughter to study from home there are two expectations that we will hold firm upon.

1. Students need to make a consistent decision across the exam period, they cannot decide to have one approach one day and one another.
2. If there is a day when your son or daughter has an exam in both the morning and afternoon sessions, they will be expected to stay in school in between them rather than go back and forth.

Please note that a considered response will take 24 hours as a minimum.

Thank you for your help.

Yours faithfully,

Mr David Alexander  
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