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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to share the arrangements for your child over the coming weeks in the build up to their final examinations. We are immensely proud of the commitment and dedication to their studies that the students continue to demonstrate as they move towards the end of their Key Stage 5 courses.

- **Students in Year 13 will continue with their normal school timetable and remain in lessons until Friday 9th May. Students will be on Study Leave starting Monday 12th May.** During this time, students only have to be in school for their public examinations. Further information will be communicated to your child regarding the expectations around this. Please note that selected students may have to attend vocational course lessons until the completion and submission of their coursework units.
- Exams formally begin on Monday 12th May, two weeks before the May Half Term holiday.
- Throughout their examination period, students can study in the Sixth Form Area from 8.00 am until 5.45 pm whilst the school is open. The Sixth Form Area has a large collection of revision resources including revision guides, course books, folders, spare paper, and stationery. In addition, students would have access to the Sixth Form PCs, laptops, and Chromebooks to access online resources.
- Online revision material will also be made available to students via Teams to ensure students can access key preparation materials ahead of their examinations.
- Students have access to information and materials via the school website to help organise their revision schedule including revision planners, information on effective revision strategies and suggested activities.
- Students can speak to members of the Sixth Form Pastoral Team throughout the examination period if they require support or advice ahead of their examinations.

This is the final push in terms of preparing for the examinations, and we ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child is making their full effort with their revision, whilst maintaining a balanced approach with their studies.

Further information regarding publication of A Level/BTEC examination results will be sent out later this academic year, but for your information, results will be available on **Thursday 14th August 2025**.

If you have any queries regarding these arrangements, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you very much for your continued support at this crucial time.

Yours sincerely

Mr Turnbull - Assistant Headteacher Sixth Form

