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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 13 Home Study

I hope this letter finds you well.

As we are now in the penultimate half term for our Year 13 students, we always review study arrangements in order to provide students with the best possible support and guidance in their exam preparations. As such, we would like to grant selected students home study from **Monday March 16th 2026**.

If a student has been granted home study, they are still expected to attend school from 8.40 am as normal, and attend all timetable activities such as lessons, intervention sessions, revision sessions and independent study periods as normal until their last timetabled activity of the school day. When students have completed their last timetabled activity of the day, they would be free to leave the school site via the school reception to study at home. For example, if a student only had lessons during Period 3 and Period 4 of a school day, we would still expect the student to be present for registration at 8.40 am and stay on school site until the end of their last timetabled activity of the day, in this case at 2.10 pm. Students are more than welcome to stay on school site longer than their last lesson of the day if they would like to study in our facilities in school. The Sixth Form Area is open for students to use until 5.30 pm each day.

For the home study system to work correctly and to keep all students safe and accounted for throughout the school day, students must swipe in and out when they enter/exit the school building using their Sixth Form ID badges. When students leave for home study, it is expected that the students swipe out and then leave via the student reception (unless it is lunchtime and the Sixth Form entrance is open). Students who do not follow these conditions of home study will have the privilege of home study revoked.

Students will be informed via Mrs Francis, Head of Year 13, by the end of Friday March 13th if they have been or have not been granted home study. If a student has not been granted home study, this information will also be communicated to parents/carers.

Selected students have not been granted home study as we wish to provide them with more intensive support on the school site to help them achieve their academic potential. This could include providing support to allow students to complete coursework / NEA work or to allow students to complete structured examination preparation. If a student is not granted home study and leaves the school site without permission, they will have been considered to have truanted a school session and will be sanctioned as such.

Many thanks as always for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do contact me or Mrs Francis.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Turnbull
Assistant Headteacher – Sixth Form

