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Dear Parents

I am writing to provide you with details about the arrangements for GCSE examinations.

We acknowledge that this can be a particularly stressful time for Year 11 pupils and have discussed at length how we can best support our pupils through these last few months. As in previous years, our normal timetable will continue to run alongside scheduled examinations until **Friday 25th May** and pupils are expected to attend until this time.

From **Monday 4th June**, Year 11 pupils will be given the option of preparing independently at home and to only attend school if they have an examination or are required to attend subject-specific revision sessions. Throughout the examination period, lessons will continue to run for all subjects where an examination has still to take place. Teachers will continue to prepare revision material for these subjects and we strongly encourage pupils to attend.

Our priority as a School is to ensure that Year 11 pupils are provided with all of the resources possible to ensure they achieve the results they need and deserve, hence our decision to continue to offer lessons and put in place a programme of study in school to support their revision.

We have been very impressed by the positive attitude and commitment of so many of our Year 11 pupils and wish them every success in their forthcoming examinations. Unfortunately, there have been a few instances where pupils have failed to attend lessons ahead of examinations without genuine cause; which is disappointing for staff.

Experience has shown that more is gained in the long term by pupils being taught by their teachers in supervised lessons. Our major concern is that if pupils are not available at these sessions, then they could potentially miss out on access to pertinent resources and more importantly teacher input, especially when it comes to refining examination technique. These last opportunities with subject teachers can make a real difference.

We are confident that these arrangements will be of great benefit to your child and help them secure the very best possible result in their GCSEs. Your continued support in upholding these arrangements is therefore much appreciated.

If you have any specific questions about these arrangements, then please do not hesitate to contact me. I am more than happy to discuss individual cases.

Kind regards,

Miss K Nijjar
Deputy Headteacher (Head of Senior School)