



8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**RE: Examination Season 2017**

Dear Parent / Carer

As you are aware we are now just 10 weeks away from the first GCSE examination. We are very focused on ensuring the best possible GCSE examination preparation and outcomes for your child. We are delighted that so many students have engaged with the revision opportunities being offered in school.

**Final Assembly**

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May, during period 5 we will be holding a final Year 11 assembly. This will be the opportunity for students and staff to reflect back over the past 5 years, focus on exam preparation and look forward to future successes.

Students will be allowed to wear their Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies from lunchtime and during this assembly. They will be given out in the Gym at lunchtime.

This assembly falls just before the examination period, it is therefore essential that it is followed by a swift return to revision focus. The time for your child to start to unwind will be at the Year 11 Prom. In the past, a small number of students have misunderstood the tone and focus of the day and have acted in ways which has impacted on learning across the school. They have subsequently not been allowed to attend the prom. We do not want this to happen this year; it is paramount that students remain focused until after their final exam. We welcome your support with this.

**Timetabled lessons and Revision until Exams**

From Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, revision lessons will continue in each subject until students have taken the GCSE examinations. It is our expectation that students continue to attend their timetabled lessons in each subject until their examination date – they will not be on study leave. Thereafter, they can revise in the classroom for subjects they are still to sit.

From Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, students should only come into school for examinations.

From Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, students can come into school for lessons wearing smart 6<sup>th</sup> Form attire (please refer to the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Code of Conduct attached). All students must wear full school uniform in ALL examinations. Students must continue to attend registration and sign in and out of school in the usual way.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Lynam (Assistant Headteacher – Raising Standards Leader) & Mr T Inchley (Head of Year 11)