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CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY, YORK

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 GCSE Exam Revision and Study Leave

GCSE examinations for the 2018/19 academic year will begin on Monday May 13th 2019 and continue until Tuesday June 18th 2019.

The Department for Education guidelines surrounding study leave states that students are not entitled to study leave, and that the decision to do so lies with the academy. Research shows that few students can study independently for this extended period of time, and benefit from a targeted revision program in school coupled with focused independent learning at home.

We also feel with the introduction of the new GCSE's, exams changing to become more 'rigorous' according to the Department for Education and the raising of grade boundaries, that our students being in school for a longer period of time will allow for better exam preparation.

As a result of this, the academy has no intention to offer formal study leave in order to maximise learning time in school. As such full attendance in school is expected through the exam season. We intend to construct a formal revision program which will be focussed on active recall sessions and exam practice until the exams for that subject are over. This will be shared with students and parents at a later date.

We also intend to offer a room for silent revision during lunchtime where students can go. Students will still have plenty of time to revise quietly at home in the evenings and weekends, whilst still having access to purposeful revision under the direction of their teachers during the day.

The next few months are critically important to your child's future success. Thank you for your support in working with us to help your son/daughter organise their revision and study regularly in the forthcoming months to ensure that they perform at their very best in their exams.

Yours sincerely,

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