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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 GCSE Exam Revision and Study Leave

GCSE examinations for the 2019/20 academic year will begin on Monday May 11th 2020 and continue until Thursday June 18th 2020 for our students. In addition, JCQ have informed us that a contingency day will be timetabled for this year. This is in case a significant, unexpected event arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no students (or a large number of them) are able to take an exam when planned. If exams have to be postponed, then they will be re-arranged to take place up to and including Wednesday 24th June 2020. This means that students must be available up to and including this date.

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. Their guidance indicates 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 new, more rigorous GCSE exams 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 does not offer formal study leave in order to maximize 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.

It goes without saying that the next few months are critically important to your child's future success. We thank you for your ongoing support in working with us to help your son/daughter organize 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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