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Study leave for Y11 and exam preparation Summer 2023

Dear Parent or Carer

We are writing to you to explain the arrangements for study leave and other matters for the forthcoming exams this summer.

From the end of April, practical exams start for GCSE Art, Graphics, Textiles and 3-D Design. This requires students to take a 10-hour practical exam. Written examinations begin during the week commencing 15 May with students having exams on most days and more than one per day in some cases from that point until May half term.

We recognise that some students work best in the normal day-to-day routine of school and that some work very well independently from home. With that in mind, the following arrangements are being put in place for study leave.

The last formal day of lessons will be Friday 12 May, so study leave will begin on Monday 15 May. Study leave means that students only have to attend school for examinations. However, to support students who wish to work in school, Year 11 teachers will be in their normal rooms following the normal Year 11 timetable to offer support to those students until May half term. Students may take study leave on some days and attend school for the whole day on others. After May half term, a private study room will be available for students who still wish to study in school rather than at home.

We believe that these arrangements provide sufficient flexibility for the differing study habits of students whilst simultaneously providing them with the support that they need during the examination period.

As far as supporting students with their preparation for the upcoming exams, staff will be running intervention sessions in school to support the revision that students will be doing at home. Students will be invited by staff to attend these sessions as appropriate. The specific timing of the sessions will be arranged by individual staff members; some will use after-school sessions, and some will prefer to run their sessions at lunchtime. This support sits alongside the exam preparation work done by students during normal lessons.

Please do show your support by encouraging your child to attend any sessions that they are invited to. If you have any questions regarding this, then please do contact us.

Thank you in advance for your support over the coming months.

Yours faithfully

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