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Dear Student and Parent,

Year 11 Update

As we approach the final week of school for Year 11, we would like to give everyone some information about the plans and upcoming events. We are incredibly proud of their mature and diligent approach and we look forward to fully supporting them through their final weeks in school.

Expectations

In line with the previous cohorts, from Monday 15 May, students will have a bespoke timetable to meet their personal requirements – this is the same as most schools locally [and nationally]. Given the disrupted experience of our students during the course of study, we have planned for them to have the benefit of subject specialist input immediately prior to an exam. This means that they are expected to be in school full time in line with attendance guidance. In priority order, they will attend:

1. An examination if timetabled to.
2. Preparation session for an imminent examination with their teacher or subject specialist or
3. A lesson or revision in a lesson.

This afternoon, students have been issued with a timetable which will show the full overview of exams and pre-exam revision sessions. We encourage you to go through this with your child to ensure they can identify the exams and revision sessions which are pertinent to their qualifications.

During the preparation and examination season, students are expected to attend school in **full school uniform** – expectations related to shoes, hair and jewellery remain unchanged.

Study Leave

Unlike last year, the timetable is compressed in terms of examinations and their spread, especially and up until the end of the first week after the half term break. Study leave, according to the information from the government, should not be a default approach but again, like in years previous, we will take a sensible approach to support our students. In summary:



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- On Friday 9 June, all students will sit their Biology paper in the afternoon.
- They will return to school on Monday 12 June morning for their English Language paper and then complete their Chemistry preparation the afternoon for the exam the day after (Tuesday).
- From Tuesday 13 until the end of the series, we expect students to **attend school for all their pre-exam revision sessions and exams and this is compulsory**. From here on in, when not preparing for an examination or in one, **students can study at home**.
- Students need to continue to wear full school uniform for the duration of the examination period.
- Unless arriving at 8.45am, students sign in and out via reception.

Valedictory Assembly

Wednesday 28 June is the GCSE Contingency Day and all students should be available in the case of an issue which disrupts the exams. Given that this is the case, this is the date that we will have the Valedictory Assembly. The arrangements are:

10.45 -11.30am	Refreshments, photographs and shirt signing
11.30-12.45pm	Leavers' Assembly

As ever, we expect nothing less than first class in everything from our students. On the day, our expectations are that students will:

- Be in **full school uniform** and **meet the guidelines for appearance**
- Have an exemplary attitude, behaviour and conduct
- **Bring a spare shirt** if they would like their shirt signed
- Will leave school from 12.45pm onwards as and when the assembly is complete - going off the school site at the end of the morning session
- Demonstrate exceptional conduct in the village when travelling home. We want everyone in our community to have to have fond memories of the Class of 2023.

Thank you for your support to make this a memorable experience; the photographs that we have already received are fantastic!

Valedictory Dinner

We are really looking forward to celebrating with Year 11 on 6 July 2023 - the coaches will depart at 6.00pm prompt from the turning circle. The deadline for payment is Monday 05 June and if you have any concerns about making this payment on time, please contact us at school.



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We want all of our students to have the opportunity to experience and enjoy this milestone event but going to 'Prom' is not a given, it is in the evening and thus a privilege. There are several weeks of school left (legally, until the last Friday in June) and this means that the expectations to be met in order to participate. Aside from the final bullet point, all that is stated has appeared above:

- Attendance and thorough completion of every examination.
- Attendance at lessons and preparation sessions until and including Monday 12.6.23.
- From Tuesday 13 June, attendance at preparation sessions and examinations – studying at home otherwise.
- Full school uniform, including shoes, hair and jewellery.
- Payment and the associated paperwork for the event.

GCSE Results Day

Finally, a date for your diary, the GCSE results are released on Thursday 24 August. We always send a separate letter with specific information in and you will receive this in due course.

In the meantime, if we can help you in any way or you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org

From all of the staff at BPA, we would like to wish our students all of the very best for the coming weeks. Work hard, believe in yourself, take care and have no regrets. Our students are amazing.

Yours faithfully,

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