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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. Their approach to the support of the Leavers' Passport has been good - this was planned to ensure that they completed and we recognised, everything that goes into being a successful school leaver who is ready for September 2025.

It continues that aside from lessons, there are many sessions of support during and after school for Year 11 and we will confirm the schedule for the May holiday in the next couple of weeks.

Lunch Arrangements

From Monday 12 May until Tuesday 17 June, dates inclusive, we will move lunch to 12.35pm with a 3:2 split for lessons. On Wednesday 18 June, we will revert to our traditional 4:1 split. This is important information for our students and staff who manage health conditions and we encourage everyone to plan accordingly and make the adjustments that they need.

Expectations

In line with the previous cohorts, from Thursday 8 May, students will have a bespoke timetable to meet their personal requirements – this is the same as most schools locally [and nationally]. To maximise their preparation, 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 school and national attendance guidance. In priority order, they will attend:

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

Today, students have been issued with a timetable which will show the full overview of exams and after the weekend, they will receive their personalised pre-exam revision session schedule. We encourage you to go



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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. If unchecked, school uniform can drift during this period and we welcome your support to make sure they maintain high standards.

Study Leave

Like last year, the timetable is not compressed and the exams are spread out. Study leave according to the government is not the default approach for young people. Again, like previous, we have made sensible plans to best support our students. In summary:

Friday 23 May June

- Following the GCSE English Language paper, students can leave school at 12.35pm. Half term follows the week after. If you would like your child to stay in school, please let us know and we can make the necessary arrangements. This applies right through the examination season.

Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 June

- This is the start of week where the exams are much more compressed. So, on Monday and Tuesday after half term, our students will be expected to be in school for full day, 8.45am – 3.15pm. This will be for a combination of lessons and examination preparation sessions for the coming week.

Wednesday 4 June

- From this date, until the end of the exam series, we expect students to **attend school for all their pre-exam revision sessions and exams 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 or leaving at 3.20pm, students sign in and out via reception.

GCSE Contingency Day(s)

Wednesday 11 June (pm), Thursday 25 June (all day) are the GCSE Contingency Dates and all students should be available in the case of an issue which disrupts the exams. The dates are standard in schools across the country.



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Valedictory Assembly – Thursday 19 June

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 or wear an open shirt to be signed on top of a white t-shirt or full body vest.
- 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 2025

We have high expectations and this has always been the case but in the last four years, we have had truly memorable events and we anticipate that this one will be exactly the same.

Valedictory Dinner

We are really looking forward to celebrating with Year 11 on Thursday 26 June - the coaches will depart for Bliss at 6.00pm prompt from the turning circle. There is a letter scheduled to come to you tomorrow with all of the details in. It includes a deadline for payment and if you have any concerns about making this payment on time, please contact us at school.

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, this year June 27) and this means that there are 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 up until and including the final GCSE examination
- From Wednesday 4 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
- Conduct that meets the expectations of the school.



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GCSE Results Day

Finally, a date for your diary, the GCSE results are released on Thursday 21 August and our doors will open at 9.30am. 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

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!*

E Pluribus Unum.

Yours faithfully,

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