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Letter regarding the start date for Study Leave (Wed 14th June), some early finishes next week and mandatory revision booster classes

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

2nd June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you regarding the last few weeks of Year 11 exams. Year 11 as a year group worked well last term and the overwhelming majority kept focus throughout a demanding half-term. They have also completed 2 weeks of their 4 weeks and 3 days of final exams, so are pretty much half-way through.

Study Leave

Study Leave for Year 11 will start at 12:30pm on Wednesday 14th June. That morning the whole of Year 11 will have their last Maths exam from 9:00am to 10:30am. Year 11 Leavers' Assembly will then run during Period 3 finishing approximately at 12:30pm.

Although study leave starts on Wednesday 14th, there still are very important exams for students to sit:

- Physics Paper 2 - Friday 16th 9am (all students)
- Geography Paper 2 - Friday 16th 1:30pm
- Design Technology - Monday 19th 9am
- Food Technology - Tuesday 20th 9am
- A couple of students are also sitting exams in Modern Foreign Languages

All remaining exams must be sat in full school uniform as always.

Although the normal timetable for Year 11 will be suspended from this point **we expect all students with remaining exams still to sit to attend the following revision booster classes:**

- **Physics booster sessions (whole of Year 11)**
 - **Thursday 15th** 10:15am - 12:30pm for their exam at 9am, the following day
- **Geography booster sessions (all Geography students)**
 - **Thursday 15th** 12:30pm - 2:30pm (including 30-minute lunch) - for their exam the next day
 - **Friday 16th** 11:30am - 1pm - Geography stay in school following their Physics exam in the morning
- **Design Technology booster sessions (all Design Technology students)**
 - **Thursday 15th** 12:30pm - 2:30pm (including 30-minute lunch) - for their exam on Monday 19th
- **Food and Nutrition booster sessions (all Food students)**
 - **Monday 19th** 1:30pm - 3:00pm - for their exam at 9am the next day



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There are also pre-exam revision sessions of 30 minutes before each exam that run from 8:10am for morning exams and 12:30pm for afternoon exams. We strongly recommend these to all students.

Early finishes before study leave begins

The decision of when to start study leave is always a balance between students being in classes revising content for exams still to be sat and students being sat in a class for an hour where they have already completed the course and exam, revising with a non-specialist teacher. For example, 152 students in Year 11 have completed their Option D course already. With this in mind, we have made a few decisions about the coming week and a half before study leave commences. We are able to do this as most Year 11 options subjects have a weekly double lesson in the afternoon.

Therefore, on Tuesday 6th June all students that have a double lesson from 12:30pm in **Food, Design Technology, History or Geography in Option D** will stay for Periods 4 and 5 and continue revision in their normal classes. Any students not in these classes will sign out at 12:30pm and go home to study from home.

On Wednesday 7th June all students not sitting the History exam that have a lesson from 2pm in **Food, Design Technology or Physical Education in option E** will stay for Period 5 and continue revision in their normal classes. Any students not in these classes and not sitting the History exam will sign out at 2pm and go home to study from home.

On Thursday 8th June all students that have a double lesson of **Geography in Option C** from 12:30pm will stay for Periods 4 and 5 to continue their revision in their normal classes. Any students not in these classes will sign out at 12:30pm and go home to study from home.

On Monday 12th June all students that have a lesson from 12:30pm in **Food or Design Technology in Option E** will stay for Periods 4 and 5 and continue revision in their normal classes. Any students not in these classes will sign out at 12:30pm and go home to study from home.

On Tuesday 13th June all students that have a double lesson from 12:30pm in **Food, Design Technology, or Geography in Option D** will stay for Periods 4 and 5 and continue revision in their normal classes. Any students not in these classes will sign out at 12:30pm and go home to study from home, except the two students sitting the Spanish exam.

Any student that would prefer to work in a silent study room until 3pm on the days of the early finishes should let us know. Any student that does a subject in a different option block than the one that the afternoon revision class is running can join the revision class if they let us know in advance.

Depending on the subjects that students are studying, some will have 5 early finishes and some will only have one or two. However, students should see that the time they will be in school before their official study leave starts will be well-used focusing on their core subjects of English, Maths and Science, as well as the Options subjects they have left to sit.

You will shortly receive a further email with your son/daughter's timetable so that you can see which subjects they do in which option block, for example if they have class code 11C/Hi2 this means they do History in Option C.



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Any student that tries to suggest that they should go home early and miss existing classes in subjects they still have exams to sit in just because others are going home early will not be supported in that decision and may affect their chances of being in school for the Leavers Assembly or attending the Prom if they have met the criteria to be invited.

Please go through this letter carefully with your child and explain that they have a maximum of 12 more school days including exams and only 8 before study leave starts and that they should maintain their focus and concentration on doing the best they can in the exams they have left. They also have a 10-week break coming before they start their next step in September, lucky them!

Students will be given a timetable for the remaining weeks on Monday so they can see where they need to be when.

Regards

Mr. Careless
Headteacher