



**TARLETON**  
ACADEMY

Headteacher: Mr S Parker

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Year 11 Update for Parents/Carers

As our Year 11 students reach the end of their final full term in school, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to you and your children. This time marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance, and I have every confidence that our students are well-prepared to excel in their summer exams. On behalf of the entire school community, I want to wish them the best of luck in the weeks ahead as they finalise their preparation for examinations and showcase their knowledge and abilities.

As a school, we are fully committed to supporting our students both emotionally and academically during their final months with us. Our goal is to keep students in school, actively engaged in high-quality revision sessions for as long as possible, ensuring they remain supported until all core exams are completed. Research consistently shows that sustained school attendance has a significant positive impact on academic outcomes, as students benefit from expert guidance and specialist input from their teachers. In the lead-up to exams, our teachers will be closely analysing past papers and predicted topics, tailoring revision sessions to focus on the areas most likely to be assessed. Furthermore, data from our previous cohorts clearly indicates that students who maintain high attendance throughout this critical period achieve significantly stronger results in their summer exams.

I am therefore writing to clarify the official start date for 'study leave,' as well as the key dates for leavers' events and the final official school day for the Class of 2025.

Year 11 Key Dates	
Study Leave Commences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Following the Mathematics Exam</li> </ul>
Leavers Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Following Final Exam - DT (Details TBC)</li> </ul>
JCQ Exam Contingency Days <i>Students <b>MUST</b> be available</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Afternoon</li> <li>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Full Day</li> </ul>
Year 11 Official Leaving Day (National)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>
Year 11 Prom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Details TBC</li> </ul>
GCSE Examination Results Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Details TBC</li> </ul>

While we want all students to have the opportunity to attend our end-of-year Prom, we reserve the right to withdraw this privilege in cases of poor behaviour or failure to attend school. Students who choose to stay at home and begin an unofficial period of 'early study leave' will forfeit their right to attend the Prom. Additionally, in such cases, they will also lose the opportunity to participate in the Leavers' Day events on Wednesday, 18th June.

We understand that the exam season can be a stressful time for students. In school, there is a wealth of support available throughout the exam season; their teachers, tutors and the wider pastoral team in school will continue to care for our students. There are also a number of resources online to support students through the exam season. Some excellent support can be found at the following websites:

- YoungMinds – [How to support your child to manage exam stress](#)
- Mind – [How to cope with exam stress and where to find support](#)
- NHS – [Help your child beat exam stress](#)

Together, let us continue to rally behind year 11, offering our unwavering support and belief in their abilities. With your continued partnership, I am confident that our students will rise to the challenge ahead of them in the coming months and achieve their full potential when they receive their exam results on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025**.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S. Parker  
Headteacher