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YEAR 11 EXAMS AND STUDY LEAVE

Dear Parent/ Carer

As we approach the main examination season and Study Leave, I wanted to update you with some key dates and school arrangements to support the students as they approach their exam season.

We strongly believe in supporting our students as they prepare for a successful examination period. As a result, we intend to continue to offer lessons and study opportunities late into the summer term. **Friday 8th June** is the final full day of school and when students will begin their study leave. This is a slightly later date than in previous years and reflects the move nationally to keep students in school throughout the main exam period in order to maximise achievement.

Subsequently, from Monday 11th June onwards, students need only come in for their examinations (including the booster sessions).

Immediately prior to each morning exam, we have arranged for specialist subject input in the form of pre-exam booster sessions. Similarly, to support every afternoon exam, there will be a period 4 booster session. I implore the students to attend these sessions to assist their calm preparation for each exam, along with offering the opportunity to ask final questions of their subject teachers and curriculum leaders.

- All morning exams start at 9.30am. Students should arrive for 8.30am, collect their free breakfast from the canteen and take it to their subject teacher's room for their pre-exam booster session.
- For all afternoon exams, students should come in for the start of period 4 (12.20pm) to prepare for the afternoon exam. The majority of these will start at 1.30pm, however, longer exams may start as early as 1pm. (This will clearly be marked on your child's exam timetable).
- During Easter and May half-term, there will be additional sessions in school – these will be advertised in due course to allow students to plan their time effectively, with your support.

This is potentially a stressful time for our Year 11 students and I would like to assure you of our ongoing support and guidance regarding revision throughout the examination period. Mr McGinnes and I will be giving a short talk at 5pm, repeated at 6pm, at the forthcoming parents' evening, focussing on supporting students taking examinations this summer.

If you have any questions at all about these arrangements, please contact me by email: proberts@buckingham-school.org or please telephone 01280 812206 extension 269.

Yours sincerely

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