



3rd May 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you with some information regarding upcoming important events that I know students have been wondering about.

Leavers' Day Assembly and Celebrations: Friday 23rd June 10.00 - 12:30

This year, our Leavers' Day celebrations fall later than previous years and will take place after Exams. This is fortunate, as it enables us to make this event a very special one without the concerns of disrupting Exams or revision.

Students are required to arrive at the Main Reception at 10:00am, where they will be welcomed by their Form Tutors and taken to the Jubilee Hall for our Celebration Assembly.

After Assembly, at 11:00am, students will be taken to the field to sign shirts and take photographs followed by a celebratory lunch / BBQ at 12:00pm, finishing and departing the School site at 12:30pm. They will not be required to wear uniform on this occasion, however they may wish to bring in their School shirts for signing.

Students will not be allowed to bring paints, flour, eggs or anything that causes harm or require cleaning to be carried out after, or they will risk being sent home and/or excluded from Prom. We sincerely hope that this would not happen and are very much looking forward to making this a very special occasion to mark the end of their time with us at The Buckingham School.

Official Study Leave Start Date

Students' last day in School will be on Friday 26th May. After this date, students will only be required to come into School for their Exams and will be expected to attend in their full uniform as normal, to maintain a calm, purposeful and orderly environment around the School, as well as maintain a focus on their Exams. After their Exam, students will leave via the gate near the main Exam Hall. Students that would like to stay to revise in School should remain seated in the Exam Hall, where they will be registered before going to the Library, where they will be able to study.

Additionally, those students who can only get to/from School using the School bus and therefore, will need to arrive before exams, will also be able to use the Library to study.

Booster Revision Sessions

We are currently putting together a timetable for booster sessions to support students prior to their Exams. More information to follow.

Exam Timetables

The full Exam Timetable is on our School website, along with some important information around expectations and behaviour in Exams. Individual timetables will be given to students shortly. I do know though that sometimes, our students do not always share this information with their parents, so if you have any trouble getting access to their timetable, please do email me.

Finally, sitting Exams can be an intense experience for all the family. I advise students to revise regularly for short amounts of time, to take breaks and to make sure they are hydrated. I have shared with students in our recent assembly - and in previous assemblies - that this is a difficult time for them, but the benefit of putting in the work now is worth it for the feeling of elation when it is over. They do have to work hard but, as always, if you are worried about your child, please do not hesitate to contact their Tutor or myself.

Although I have only been Head of Year 11 a short while, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with our Year 11 students. I have been impressed with their character and their positivity towards their Mock Exams and their revision sessions. They have made me very welcome as their Head of Year - as have you - and I would like to thank you sincerely.

Yours faithfully,

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