

19 May 2026

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to update you on our plans for Year 11 as they continue their GCSE examinations.

In previous years, we have typically kept students in school, following their normal timetable, until after half term before moving to examination preparation time. However, given the way the exam timetable has fallen this year, alongside the outstanding attitude and commitment Year 11 have shown towards their revision, we have decided to adapt our approach.

We will be holding our **Leavers' Assembly on Thursday 21 May at 12:30pm**, after which students will be dismissed to begin their **Examination Preparation Time**.

From this point onwards:

- Students are **only required to attend school for their scheduled examinations**
- However, they are **very welcome to attend school to revise and seek support from staff during their usual timetabled lessons**

If students choose to attend school on non-exam days:

- They should **arrive before 8.30am**
- They will be expected to **remain on site until lunchtime**, so that we can ensure appropriate safeguarding arrangements
- Students will **not be permitted to arrive and leave at their own convenience**, as the school day will continue as normal for all other year groups

I would like to take this opportunity to say how impressed we have been with Year 11. They have made a fantastic start to this exam season, approaching their assessments with maturity, focus, and determination. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to this continuing over the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Best wishes
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Deputy Headteacher

