

30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is hard to believe we are one week away from the first GCSE exams starting. We appreciate this is a very stressful time for year 11 students and at the same time we must ensure students maintain the level rigour and resilience needed to navigate this exam period.

Punctuality is vital at this time. If students are late for any exam, they may not be able to enter after a given time. We would encourage students to be early, so they have time to settle and gather their thoughts. Therefore, for the year 11 students we have arranged to serve hot breakfast sandwiches from 8.00 am each morning in the restaurant. We encourage all students to avail of this as it will help set them up for each day as they proceed through the exams. Similarly the "Mood Food" lunch menu served during this period is designed to help students with stress.

We are not releasing Year 11 students on study leave until they have completed the majority of their GCSE exams. Lessons will occur as normal throughout the exams with students accessing master classes directly before they enter any specific exam. This will allow the students to maintain the rigour, momentum, and sharpness they need to be successful in each exam. Where students have an exam first thing in the morning, they will be able to get breakfast in the restaurant where there will also be a briefing run in the subject they are about to sit.

Period 6 will continue throughout the exams; however, the subjects being taught may change depending on what exam is coming up the following day.

Please reassure your son/daughter that it is never too late and not to underestimate how much they can achieve by maintaining the right level of focus and study to be successful in these exams.

If you need any advice or help, please do contact Mr Lowe or Miss Boyle to discuss any concerns.

Best wishes



Marie Rooney  
Principal