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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Year 11 Study Leave

As the GCSE exams draw closer, we feel that it is important to share our expectations around attendance to school and when study leave will start.

The exam season will start in one week and at this point all lessons will continue, with students following their normal timetable, as far as possible. Students are expected to be attending school each day, for the whole day.

On 22nd May 2026 we will have leavers' celebrations for students in Year 11. This will be a day when we celebrate the educational and faith journey of our young people. The day will begin with period one as normal, a special Celebration of the Word will take place during period 2. Students will be able to complete their shirt signing over break, should students choose to sign their shirts prior to arriving at Church they will be asked to leave site. Following break time, students will take part in Celebration Assembly to mark the end of their time in school. At 12:30pm students will be dismissed to go home.

After the half term (w/c 1st June), study leave will start and students will be expected in for their exams in full school uniform. During this period of time, all lessons and classrooms will still be staffed; students can still attend for additional revision and intervention, and we recommend that they do so. We also understand that the exam week can be very busy and some students may prefer to do independent work at home. We feel that this is a good model to suit the needs of all students.

When in school, all students must register when they come in and will need to sign out when they leave. For students who are not able to easily get to and from school, then they would need to attend their normal lessons, where they can complete revision work and be supervised.

We wish all of our students the very best for their upcoming exams and we hope that their hard work pays off.

Yours sincerely

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