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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the GCSE examination period, I wanted to take a moment to share important information about study leave and the support available to students during this important stage of their learning. We understand that this can be a challenging and sometimes stressful time, and we are here to guide and support every student, both academically and pastorally, as they prepare for their exams.

Miss Hill has already written to you about Celebration Day on Friday 1st May, and I do hope many families can join us on this special day. I have listened carefully to feedback from both parents and students, and this year study leave will begin on Tuesday 5th May, after the Bank Holiday Monday, giving students dedicated time at home to focus on their revision. I also recognise that some students will still wish to attend school, and the arrangements for this are outlined below.

### **Week commencing 4th May**

Students may use the library for independent study. They should arrive to school between 9.10 and 9.30 in full school uniform and sign in at reception, as they will not be registering with their form group.

### **Week commencing 11th May until the end of the GCSE examinations**

Students may use the Sixth Form study area if they wish to continue studying on site. As before, all students must sign in at reception on arrival between 9.10 and 9.30 and arrive in full school uniform.

If students would like to see their teachers for additional support, they should email the relevant member of staff to arrange a suitable time.

### **Warm-up sessions**

Please see the attached document for the full timetable of warm-up sessions being run by staff. Students attending these sessions should register at reception and make their way to the classrooms specified by their teacher. Departments will also communicate specific details directly to students.

The timing for arrival to warm up sessions are as follows:

Before the start of school: Arrival at 7.50- 8.00. The warm up will start at 8.00

Period 1: Arrival between 9.10-9.20. The warm up will start at 9.20

Period 2: Arrival between 10.50-11.10. The warm up will start at 11.10

Period 3: Arrival between 1.30-1.40. The warm up will start at 1.40

Full school uniform rules remain in place during study leave, including expectations regarding shoes, make-up, and general presentation. This also applies during the actual GCSE examinations.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and commitment to the school since your daughter joined us. I will keep every student in my prayers during this demanding period, and I sincerely hope to welcome many of our Year 11 students back to Sixth Form in September.

If your daughter has any pastoral concerns or needs support during this time, please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral Team, who are always here to help.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher