



Church of England School
 Headteacher: Mr A J Wilcock MA (Cantab)

9th February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Examination Period 14th May to 29th June 2018

As you may be aware it is no longer considered best practice to allow students to have study leave for the entire examination period. The DfE guidance: School Attendance states:

'Study leave should be used sparingly and only granted to Year 11 pupils during public examinations. Provision should still be made available for those pupils who want to continue to come into school and revise'

'Study leave should not be granted by default once tuition of the exam syllabus is complete, and study leave should only ever be granted to pupils in Year 11. If schools do decide to grant study leave, provision should still be made available for those pupils who want to continue to come into school to revise. All pupils are different and have different requirements and preferences when preparing for examinations. Some schools do seek alternatives to study leave as they recognise that some pupils do not have the skills, or are not inclined, to make the best use of unsupervised and unstructured revision time. However, many schools also recognise that study leave is a chance for pupils to develop their independent study which will help them when they move to post-16 provision.'

Having considered the views of the students following the mock examinations, feedback from the Parents' Link Group and bearing the guidance in mind, we have put together the following plan which we believe will best suit the needs of our learners.

The start of the examination season will be marked by an assembly during period 5 on Friday 11th May led by Mr Wilcock.

Between 14th May and 25th May, students will be expected in school full time. When students are not in an examination, they will be carrying out general revision under the supervision of their usual class teacher. During these sessions students will be given the opportunity to work both collaboratively and independently. They will be able to divide their time into shorter 20/25 minute blocks, with time given for short breaks within the classroom. Their teachers will also be available to offer support. Students will be given access to the school's WiFi network to enable them to access revision materials on their own devices.

The Leavers Assembly led by Mr Forrest has been scheduled for 25th May.

After half term, students are entitled to take study leave and will only be required in school when they have an examination. There will still be provision for students who wish to continue their preparation in school.



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In the two weeks commencing 18th June a number of enrichment activities are being arranged that students will be invited to attend.

The Year 11 Prom will take place on 22nd June.

If you have any concerns about the impact of these arrangements on your son or daughter please contact Mr Forrest by email (sforrest1.312@lgflmail.org)

Yours faithfully,



Mr S Foote
Assistant Headteacher



Mr S Forrest
Year 11 Director