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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11

As we near the start of the exam period, I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the key dates and arrangements for the Year 11 students until the end of their exams.

Farewell Day – Friday 23rd May

We will have our traditional Farewell Day event for Year 11 on Friday 23rd May. Students will sit their GCSE English Language paper during periods 1 and 2. During morning break the students will make their way to the Sports Hall where they can all gather to take their photos, collect their hoodies, get their shirts signed and have the fond farewell from us all in school that they deserve. At around 12pm, the students will leave school and make their way home. Those students who need to use a school bus to get home can stay in school and we will provide a classroom for them to revise in.

Hoodies and Uniform – available on Friday 23rd May

For those students who have purchased hoodies, they will be available to collect on Friday 23rd May. We will make arrangements for them to be distributed in school. We understand that the students may want to wear the hoodies to school after May half term, but they do not replace the other elements of the school uniform (shirt, tie, blazer, shoes etc.) which will still need to be worn correctly throughout the exam period.

Lessons from Tuesday 6th May to Friday 23rd May

In the exam period prior to May half term, all lessons will run as normal according to the school timetable. If your child is not in an exam, they will need to attend their timetabled lesson. This is so that teachers can finalise the subject preparations for the exams ahead.

Easter and May Half Term Revision Sessions

Letters have been sent home regarding the revision sessions that we are offering in school during the Easter holiday and May half term. Please do encourage your child to attend these sessions.

Lessons from Monday 2nd June to the end of the exam period

After May half term we will be running booster lessons in preparation for upcoming exams. These will replace timetabled lessons and they are designed to support revision and the final preparation for the next exam that each child has. Students must attend these booster sessions. When there are no booster

sessions running students can return home. There will be a quiet study room available in school for those students who use school transport or for those who wish to remain in school to revise. The timetable for the Booster Sessions will be given to all students and will be sent home prior to May half term.

Exam Practicalities

All students have a copy of their exam timetable. They have also created a detailed revision schedule which they should be keeping to. They know the equipment that they should bring to every exam, what time each exam starts and where they will be sitting in each exam. Please do support them with this organisation as it does make a big difference when students arrive calm and settled prior to exams. School uniform should be worn as normal to every exam, but please note that students do not have to wear their blazer in the exam room. Students must attend every exam they have been entered for and if they do not arrive, we will be sending staff out to collect them.

Prom – Tuesday 15th July

The Year 11 Prom will take place on Tuesday 15th July at the Moat House in Acton Trussell. This will be our formal goodbye to the year group and it is an event that we are very much looking forward to.

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 21st August

Students will be able to pick up their exam results on Thursday 21st August from 8.30am onwards.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have provided to the students and our school. The Year 11 students have worked hard during the year and that hard work does need to continue all the way through the exam period. On behalf of all of us here at Balfour, I wish them every success in their exams.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Mason
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