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Dear Parents/Carers

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As we are rapidly approaching the GCSE exam period, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on key information.

At present, Year 11 students are working incredibly hard in lessons; they are attending after school revision sessions and hopefully you are seeing them working hard at home too. There are lots of revision resources located on Satchel One. Please keep encouraging your child to complete all revision tasks which are set and extra independent revision tasks. If they demonstrate resilience and determination, then I am sure that they will be prepared to take on the challenge of GCSE examinations.

As you are already aware, the examination period starts Tuesday 7 May. In order to support the students immediately before their exam, breakfast and a pre-exam warm up session have been organised for all students if they have a morning exam at 9.00 am. School gates will open at 8.00am to allow students access onto site, and all students must arrive **no later than 8:15am**. If your child is going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the school as soon as possible. We will endeavour to ensure that they can still complete the examination, but the awarding body may not accept their exam paper if they are late.

All students will be required to stay in school and attend normal timetabled lessons when they are not sitting an exam. Normal timetabled lessons will be in place throughout the exam period and we have also adapted the timetable to ensure that all students will have contact time with their subject specialist immediately prior to any exam. These changes to the original school timetable will be communicated on a daily basis to all students via student briefing and our internal media systems.

Friday 12th July – Prom!

Our annual Y11 Prom will take place at the Double Tree by Hilton, Sheffield Park, on Friday 12 July 2024. It will be a fantastic event and we are very much looking forward to celebrating with the students. Please note our payment deadline of **Friday 7 June**, in order for us to confirm numbers at the venue. All students who have successfully completed their 'Passport to the Prom' will be notified week commencing Monday 13 May. Students' discount for the prom will be added to their ParentPay account at the start of next term.

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks for your continued support. Should you wish to discuss anything covered in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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