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Dear Parent/Carer

Half Term 5 Examinations

As you are aware, Year 11 students will commence final written examinations from **Tuesday 6 May to Wednesday 18 June**. Students received their bespoke examination timetable on Friday 25 April and will receive a further copy that includes their seat number and the Summer Achieve programme next week.

Although examinations finish on Wednesday 18 June, as shared on the key dates flyer at the start of this year, students must be available on **Wednesday 25 June**, which is GCSE contingency day. There are no examinations scheduled for this day, but if a major national event caused a day of examinations to be cancelled, they would be moved to this date and so it is essential that students are available.

During the final examinations, we will replicate the processes that students have followed for the trial examinations. As always, we stress the importance of students **attending every day**, as – unlike trial examinations – students are **not** able to resit final written examinations on another day.

It is essential that students are prepared for each day's examinations with **full equipment**, including a **calculator, revision guides** and **full uniform**. On days when the morning exam finishes later than break time, students will receive a break, but we recommend that students bring a snack with them.

To support students with their preparation, we will be hosting **Pre-Achieve sessions** in the diner from **7.30am** before **morning examinations**. During these sessions, subject specialists will be available to support students' preparations and we will also provide students with tea and toast to ensure they are fuelled for their examinations.

Before each examination, subject leaders will deliver **briefings** with reminders of key information and during each examination, every student will be provided with **water** and **sweets** for hydration and an additional burst of energy.

When not in trial examinations, students will follow the **Summer Achieve programme**, which is an adapted timetable that ensures students are in lessons preparing for their next examination, which also includes changes to the Period 4 schedule. We will also continue to offer online **Twilight Achieve** sessions the evening before each examination in addition to **weekend** and **May Half Term Achieve** sessions.

Independently, students should continue to prepare by achieving their weekly goals on **Tassomai**, completing tasks on **Sparx** and the homework set on **Show My Homework**, as well as utilising the revision materials provided during the Year 11 Revision Guide Evening and the **Year 11 Achieve Handbook**.

Students will receive their **leavers hoodies** on Friday 23 May and will be able to wear these instead of blazers for the remainder of the examination period. Students are still required to wear their shirt, tie, lanyard.

A reminder that our two Year 11 celebration events are taking place on **Thursday 19 June**:



- **Black and White Event:** 9.00-10.30am (Sir Thomas Wharton Academy)
- **Prom:** 6.00-10.00pm (Hilton Garden Inn, Doncaster)

Students who have met the 97% attendance threshold to be eligible to attend the Prom are able to purchase their tickets on Parent Pay, with the next batch of tickets being released the week commencing Monday 19 May. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Thursday 5 June.

Finally, we know the coming weeks will be challenging, but we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support, as we know it makes a significant difference in aiding each student to achieve their potential.

Yours sincerely

The Year 11 Team

