






Year 11 GCSE lessons

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Dear parents and carers,

We have had a number of students trying to 'sign out' from school following their morning exam in the last few days, saying that they have parental permission to do so.

For this last week of lessons before the half term holiday, we expect all Year 11 students to remain in school and in lessons when they don't have an exam. Any students trying to 'sign out' will not be given permission to leave.

Most teachers in most lessons will still be teaching content or revision, and in our view, students are best placed to benefit from their teachers' expertise and experience by being in the classroom. This is important, particularly in the build up to an exam paper, and the follow up after an exam to prepare for any Paper 2 or Paper 3. In addition, there are specific sessions planned for some subjects in the hours before pm exams to aid any last minute preparation.

We, and most other schools, have had this approach since the pandemic and feel that it is the best approach to maximise GCSE outcomes for our students. This expectation has been made clear to students in assemblies in the build up to the exam period.

Following the half term holiday, students may chose to have 'study leave' and only come into school for the days when they have exams. We expect some students to still come in each day as silent study rooms are available throughout the day.

In summary, students will remain in lessons up to half term.

Thank you for your understanding on this.

Yours sincerely
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