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# YATELEY SCHOOL



**Learning together – Empowered for Life**

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Dear Parent/Carer(s) and Students

Exam season is upon us! In this letter I'll quickly outline some important things that should help during this potentially stressful time, so please take the time to read it carefully and do get in contact if you have questions!

## **Monday 14 May – Monday 11 June 2018 - (Half Term Monday 28 May – Friday 01 June)**

Students will remain at school full-time between the dates whilst GCSE exams are taking place. You should have received your draft exam timetable and the final version (where clashes and rooming are resolved) will be with you very shortly. When you receive your final timetable pay very close attention to start times and locations, as the same exam will be starting at different times and different places. Whatever you do, don't rely on asking a friend when or where your exam is as it could well be different to yours!

## **What do I do after an exam has finished?**

After an exam students will return to their timetabled lessons, even if they have finished that subject. We highly recommend bringing revision materials to school, as teachers will support and help you to revise for your upcoming exams. Students and parents will also be sent a weekly plan called **GCSE Week Ahead...** more of this below!

## **"GCSE Week Ahead"**

In advance of each exam week parents and students will be emailed a plan showing all the additional lessons, study sessions and timetable changes that are taking place to give you the very best chance of succeeding in your exams. It does not show your actual exams (because these are different for each student) so always use your exam timetable for this! Some sessions are optional (such as morning sessions before exams) and some are compulsory such as additional lessons in the school day and they are clearly indicated on the plan.

## **Study Leave – Tuesday 12 June 2018**

All students will sit a Maths exam on Tuesday 12 June in the morning. After the exam students will attend Science lessons until lunchtime and thereafter no longer have timetabled lessons at Yateley School, departing the school site at 1245. There are still 10 exams to go after Tuesday 12 June, and some subjects will continue to run lessons that students can attend by choice. You will be made aware of what lessons are continuing to run after Tuesday 12 June via the "GCSE Week Ahead" document mentioned above and we highly recommend that students attend the extra sessions that are running!

## **Y11 Leavers' Assembly – P3+P4 on Friday 15 June 2018**

Following the morning Physics exam on Friday 15 June we will have our Leavers' Assembly in the Main Hall between 1100 and 1245. Students will be able to sign shirts, celebrate and have a good laugh at some of the brilliant things we have planned; proud of everything they have accomplished and excited about the long hot summer ahead!

## **And finally...**

On a personal note we are delighted with the effort and application of our Y11s so far. There is so much more to life than exam results and qualifications but at these stressful times it can feel like the only thing in the world. Please remember that these exams don't define who you are and what you will go on to achieve in life, so continue to work hard but always remember that we are proud of you regardless. Good luck to everyone and never stop trying your very best!

Yours sincerely

**Assistant Headteacher - Student progress**

