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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 Final Push and Study Leave

Firstly can I thank you for your ongoing support as we enter the final run in for your child as we progress towards the final summer examinations.

As you will be aware, students in Year 13 recently sat their mock examinations. As such, we have talked to students today regarding their key takeaways from the exams in relation to the 'exam mechanics'. Items such as timings, preparation before, question order, and the use of the half term week are all key things for students to reflect on and learn from, ready for the summer.

As a part of the mock examinations, students took part in mock exam results day. During this period, students received their mock results and engaged in 'last push' planning to make the marginal gains within their assessment and learning in the few short weeks before the exams.

Alongside this, we would like to invite you to a **Year 13 'Last Push' Evening on Thursday 3rd April 2025 from 6.00pm-7.00pm** where we will explain the run in to the summer, the exam arrangements, and how you can support your child to build exam stamina to ensure their success. We will also be writing to both you and students shortly with information pertaining to Easter School, where students will be able to access study areas, and some departments are supporting with clinics to fill last minute knowledge gaps.

In order to give students in Year 13 more time for revision and retrieval practice, we will be collapsing the tutor and ACTIVE programme to aid them in using this time to fill knowledge gaps. Students should come prepared for these tutor sessions with their revision material, ready to engage.

We are currently working on the final exams timetable for the summer, once this is completed we will share this with both you and your child to ensure you are fully aware of when the examinations are due to take place. Tomorrow, students will be receiving their statements of entry which we will ask them to check carefully to ensure accuracy and alert us immediately if there are any issues, this will include their examination dates if they are not currently aware.

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This morning I announced to Year 13, the date where formal study leave will commence and explained to them my rationale for this. Students will need to be in all lessons up to and including **Friday 16th May 2025**, whereby after this point, students need only be in school for examinations.

Having said this, the school and study areas are still open to students and some departments may be offering last minute revision sessions to support students getting over a line. Departments will be in contact with you and your child should this be the case.

The date for the commencement of study leave will include a celebration of student's time in Hayes, of which I will write out in due course. However, I felt it important to share this date with you and students so they can plan accordingly in terms of their examination prep and revision.

This date is earlier than usual, and this reflects the feedback we have had from previous students regarding when they felt study leave needed to start, balanced with department feedback regarding the same. I hope this date reflects a happy medium between the two parties.

This morning I spoke to students about when courses are complete (the date of their last examinations) and whilst some departments will engage in active review and revision prior to this date in lessons, and will have finished content delivery, every lesson counts and will aid students in getting the results they want and deserve. It will be about the last minute marginal gains students can get to put them over a line to the grades they are capable of.

Please, therefore, do insist on a high level of attendance from your child up to this point and support us in helping them make the most of every lesson.

I look forward to welcoming you one last time to Hayes at the Last Push Evening.

Yours sincerely



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