

## HAYES SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Re: Year 11 Exams Update**

As per our communication on Wednesday, we still expect our Year 11 students to attend school full time. As you are aware, we have made a number of adaptations to the school day to provide students with the opportunity to undertake focused and targeted revision under the guidance of their classroom teachers and subject experts.

We are confident that this provision is in the best interest of our students and will support them in achieving positive outcomes. Furthermore, their attendance on site means that we can be aware of and respond to emerging academic and pastoral needs that students are likely to have during this period of time.

We are aware that you have made the decision to offer your child unauthorised absence from school, when they are not sitting an exam. We feel the need to reiterate that this is not legally coded as study leave due to our expectation that students attend school.

Having received your request for unauthorised absence, we would urge you to remind your child that they should not be in public places during school time, other than for the purposes of travelling to school. It is imperative that they both sign in and sign out at student reception for safeguarding purposes; failure to do so, puts staff and students at risk in the case of emergency.

Year 11 students still have a significant number of exams left and therefore maintaining structure, routine and focus is central to their success.

Please discuss the contents of this letter with your child and thank you for ensuring that they understand the following:

- They must sign in at student reception when entering the school site and move directly to their exams.
- After their exam, they must immediately sign out at student reception (the only exception is when an exam finishes after 3pm).



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- Following exams, Mr Steel, a member of SLT and the Education Welfare Officer will be at the school's gates, monitoring that students have signed out.
- After leaving site, students should return immediately home and remain there during school hours, and not congregate in public spaces.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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