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To Parents/Guardians of Year 11 Students

Dear Parent/Guardian

I write to confirm the arrangements that have been made for your son in the lead up to and during the GCSE examinations.

Your son's study leave will begin on the afternoon of **Friday 29 April** and continue until **Wednesday 29 June**.

Examinations begin on **Wednesday 4 May** with the exception of the Art examination which will take place on **Thursday 21 and Friday 22 April**.

On **Friday 29 April**, there are no timetabled examinations or lessons. We have consulted the boys in Year 11 to find out what they would like to happen to mark their last full day in school before the onset of the examinations and have drawn up a programme based on their ideas and suggestions. Throughout the morning of 29 April there will be a celebration of their time in Middle School with arranged activities. This will culminate in a year 11 barbeque. Tickets will be on sale after Easter at a cost of £3.50 per student. This will include a burger (vegetarian alternative available), salad, crisps, ice cream and a can of drink. Please see our Catering Manager, Mrs Terry Harkness, if you have any special dietary requirements.

We hope that the provision of this celebration will mean a positive end to their time in Middle School and a positive start to the examination period. Any disruptive or unacceptable behaviour will be dealt with severely and would put their study leave provision and 6th form place in jeopardy. Boys will be dismissed following the barbeque.

During the period of study leave there may be some optional revision sessions and 'last minute surgery' classes available. These will be publicised to the boys and parents will be kept informed via Scopay.

The last examination will be held on **Tuesday 28 June**.

The examinations will be held at School and the School's normal codes of behaviour and dress still apply. Your son will be issued with his examination timetable telling him when and where his examinations will be held and it is his responsibility to make sure he is in the right place at the right time. I have asked that any infringement of the School's rules either in the examination room or in the area immediately outside of it is reported directly to me. Serious incidents can result in students being excluded from sitting their exam(s). **Should a pupil turn up not wearing full school uniform they may not be allowed to sit the examination.**

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Book Collection

All year 11 boys must assemble in the Drama Studio at 9am on **Friday 24 June** in **full school uniform**. **All of his textbooks, library books and any other resources in his possession must be returned on this day**. As you know textbooks represent a large part of our resources, so if there are any old textbooks at home from previous years please send these back also. Once the books have been checked by the Heads of Departments or subject teachers, your son will be free to leave.

Results

The GCSE examination results will be available from the Sixth form centre on **Thursday 25 August** from **10.00am**. Mr Burnside will be available for any enquiries about Sixth Form entry. **Results will not be available by telephone or email.**

Sixth Form Enrolment

Enrolment for Sixth Form courses at Bishop's will take place on **Friday 26 August** from 10.30am – 12.00 noon in the Sixth Form centre. Your son will need to confirm his option choices with a member of the Sixth Form team **before midday on that day** and collect his Sixth Form joining papers. He must return to Bishop's on **Thursday 1 September** with the completed documentation at 9.30am.

Students who wish to make further enquiries about any aspect of the Sixth Form can contact the Sixth Form Office at any time.

Finally, I wish your son every success in his examinations.

Yours sincerely

Mr D R Podger
Acting Head of Middle School