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Dear Parents/Guardians

This has been a long Half Term and I hope that all Year 13 students can recover over the break. Almost 50 students have submitted their UCAS forms so far and many have received offers already, so, please encourage your son/daughter to finish their application soon if they have not already done so.

The Mock Exams will take place in January (Tuesday 15 – Friday 18) and students will be off-timetable for that period. The mock timetable will be posted on Insight in December but students should make sure that they plan their revision before that date.

Study leave will commence on 11 May, this is earlier than usual but it is because some A Level exams are timetabled for the week before Half Term. Again the timetable will be posted on Insight but provisional timetables are available from the Exam Boards if you wish to look.

Results will be issued on Thursday 15 August 2019 and it is vital that all students are around on that day. It is also very helpful if a parent is also available if required.

Students have signed up for Games, Volunteering or extra Supervised Study and many are taking part in musical activities or the school play. It is great to see how many students participate in sport, music and/or drama. However, I know that some students are finding life challenging at times and so, they may benefit from looking carefully at all of their activities and prioritising when appropriate.

As you know, timetables are on Insight and students do need to register every morning. They should be in school by 8.40am every day (unless they have a lesson period 1 at SWGS) wearing full school uniform. However, if a student has a “free” period they are then able to leave school and go into town or go home if they prefer. Obviously they must attend all lessons and this includes Supervised Study periods and Assembly.

This Half Term finishes at 4pm on Thursday 25 October (Friday is a Teacher Training Day and Citizenship Day for the Year 12 students) and term recommences on Monday 5 November. We break up for Christmas on Thursday 20 December at 12.05pm.

All Year 13 students need to be clean shaven and should not be wearing any jewellery: ear-rings and finger rings are both unacceptable; we would welcome your help in reinforcing the school rules. Nearly all of the students are adhering to these rules now and it would be great if I didn't need to issue any more reminders!

If your son/daughter is absent from school we would be grateful if you would report it via Insight or the Absence phone line (**01722 333851**). Please contact us every day that they are away.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me (cew@bws.wilts.sch.uk). I hope you and your family have an enjoyable Half Term holiday.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Wilson'.

Mrs Wilson
Head of Sixth Form (Year 13)