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Dear Parents/Guardians

This has been another long Half Term and I hope that all Year 13 students can recover over the rapidly approaching Christmas holidays! Once we finish term, the students will be half way through their last year and so it is important that they use the holiday period to rest but also to revise thoroughly for their January mocks.

Reports will be issued soon and should be accessed via Insight. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. The Parents' Evening will be held on Monday 4 February.

As you know, the Mock Exams will take place in January (Tuesday 15 – Friday 18 January) 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.

A few students have not submitted their UCAS forms yet and it is essential that they do so before the end of term. Please encourage your son/daughter to finish their application soon if they have not already done so.

If you would like to order a "whole school" photo please ask your son/daughter to collect a form from the Sixth Form Office.

After the January Mock results are issued, we will start a Year 13 Academic Privilege Scheme for Year 13 students whereby the students who have achieved their targets will be able to work at home rather than in school during their non-timetabled lessons ("frees"). This may mean that they do not need to come into school for morning Registration. They will however be expected to attend Assembly, mentor meetings and Supervised Study sessions (although these sessions may be moved if the students come to talk to me). I hope that you are happy with this. Students who have not performed well in their Mocks will be given additional timetabled study sessions to help them improve before their actual exams in the summer. Please note that if students fall behind with their studies, or give subsequent cause for concern, then this privilege will be rescinded. Students should not use this time for paid work as their efforts should be focused on their schoolwork.


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

The Leavers' Lunch and Leavers' Ball will both take place on Friday 28 June 2019 and it is very helpful if you could ensure that you have not booked a holiday on that date. Results will be issued at school on Thursday 15 August 2019 and it is vital that all students are around on that day.

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 and restful Christmas holiday.

With best wishes

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

Mrs Wilson
Head of Sixth Form (Year 13)