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To Parents/Guardians of Year 11 Students

Dear Parents/Guardians

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 11 May** and continue until **Friday 22 June**.

Examinations begin on **Wednesday 2 May** with the exception of the language orals which take place before this.

On the afternoon of **Friday 11 May**, there are no timetabled examinations or lessons. There will be a Year 11 barbeque, followed by a celebration of their time in Middle School with arranged activities, which have been drawn up based on their own ideas and suggestions. Tickets will be on sale after Easter at a cost of £4.00 per student, available via the cashless catering system. This will include a burger (vegetarian alternative available), crisps, ice cream and a can of drink. Boys should contact our Catering Manager, Mrs Terry Harkness, if they 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 Sixth form place in jeopardy. Boys will be dismissed following the afternoon's activities.

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 **Thursday 21 June**.

The examinations will be held at School and the School's normal codes of behaviour and dress still apply. Your son's examination timetable will be published via the Insight Portal. This will tell 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.**

Book Collection

It is compulsory for all Year 11 boys to attend book collection on Friday 22 June. **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. Boys should report to the Drama Studio at 8.45 am. School uniform is **not** required. Once the books have been checked by the Heads of Departments or subject teachers, your son will be free to leave. This should be no later than 10.20am.

Results & Confirmation of Places

The GCSE examination results will be available from the Sixth Form Office on **Thursday 23 August from 10.00am**. Sixth Form staff will be available for any enquiries about Sixth Form entry. **Results will not be available by telephone or email.**

Boys will be expected to stay around BWS to confirm Sixth Form places and A Level options that afternoon (please note that this is a change from the arrangement of previous years and means that students will not need to attend on Friday 24 August).

Sixth Form Entry

The Sixth Form taster day will be on Wednesday 27 June. This will be a full school day for all those in our Year 11 planning to enter our sixth form, as well as for external applicants. We expect all those holding a BWS Sixth Form offer to attend – there will be group activities, briefings on Sixth Form study and summer preparation work, the chance to choose non-A level options, as well as taster lessons in their A level subjects. Full details about this will be sent out by the Sixth Form Office in due course.

Students who wish to make further enquiries about any aspect of the Sixth Form can contact the Sixth Form Office at any time (sixth@bws.wilts.sch.uk). The first day of the 2018-19 academic year for the new Year 12 will be Monday 3 September 2018.

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs M J Jenner
Head of Middle School