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30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11,

As we near the start of the exam period, I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the key dates and arrangements for the Year 11 students until the end of their exams.

### **Hoodies and Uniform – available on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

For those students who have purchased hoodies, they will be available to collect on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. We will make arrangements for them to be distributed in school. We understand that the students will want to wear the hoodies to school after May half term, but they do not replace the other elements of the school uniform (shirt, tie, blazer, shoes etc.) which will still need to be worn correctly throughout the exam period.

### **Farewell Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

We will have our traditional Farewell Day event for Year 11 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Students will follow their lesson timetable or exam timetable during periods 1 and 2. During Period 2 they will make their way to the Sports Hall where they can take their photos, collect their hoodies, get their shirts signed and have the fond farewell from us all in school that they deserve. At around 11.30am, the students will leave school and make their way home. Those students who need to get school transport home can stay in school and we will provide a classroom for them to revise in.

### **Lessons from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

In the period prior to May half term, all lessons will run as normal according to the school timetable. If your child is not in an exam, they will need to attend their timetabled lesson. This is so that teachers can finalise the subject preparations for the exams ahead.

### **Lessons from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to the end of the exam period**

After May half term we will be running booster lessons in preparation for upcoming exams. These will replace timetabled lessons and they are designed to support revision and the final preparation for the next exam that each child has. Students must attend these booster sessions. When there are no booster sessions running students can return home. There will be a quiet study room available in school for those students who use school transport or for those who wish to remain in school to revise. The timetable for the Booster Sessions has been given to all students and will be sent home separately to this letter.

## **Exam Practicalities**

All students have a copy of their exam timetable. They have also created a detailed revision schedule which they should be keeping to. They know the equipment that they should bring to every exam, what time each exam starts and where they will be sitting in each exam. Please do support them with this organisation as it does make a big difference when students arrive calm and settled prior to exams. School uniform should be worn as normal to every exam, but please note that students do not have to wear their blazer in the exam room. Students must attend every exam they have been entered for and if they do not arrive, we will be sending staff out to collect them.

## **Prom – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

The Year 11 Prom will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the Moat House in Acton Trussell. This will be our formal goodbye to the year group and it is an event that we are very much looking forward to.

## **GCSE Results Day – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

Students will be able to pick up their exam results on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 from 8.30am onwards.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have provided to the students and our school. The Year 11 students have worked hard during the year and that hard work does need to continue all the way through the exam period. On behalf of all of us here at Balfour, I wish them every success in their exams.

Yours faithfully



**Mr M Mason**

**Headteacher**

