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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the final term of year 12 I would like to take this opportunity to outline the arrangements for the upcoming exams and beyond.

There are two groups of students completing year 12 next term:

- 1. Those entered for AS and End of Year examinations. These begin on the 14th May and run for two weeks. Expectations for registration and lesson attendance on the run-up and during the exams will be as normal. After these exams, lessons will continue as teachers begin to deliver the A Level content ahead of the summer break on Tuesday 23rd July.
- 2. Those completing a Level 2 year will have GCSE exams beginning just after the May half term break. After the exams, our Level 2 students must continue to attend their BTEC lessons until they complete the course and are signed off by their teacher. The timing of this will vary from student to student depending on their progress. When courses are complete, I will interview the student, they will meet with our careers advisor at which point they will have finished their courses for the year; I will write to parents to confirm they no longer need attend.

If you have any questions regarding these arrangements, do please contact the school.

Before the exams of course, there are still five weeks for revision that will be crucial in ensuring students can do their best in their exams. Please support your child by:

- encouraging them to structure their revision time with a study timetable,
- engage with their revision by offering to test them on key vocabulary, dates, formulae etc.
- urge them to think reflectively about which study methods are most effective for them,
- ensure they eat well and sleep with some routine,
- help manage their stress levels with regular breaks and fresh air.

Your child's teachers will be reinforcing these messages, as well as providing study sessions and support right up until the exams.

Best wishes for a peaceful and productive Easter break,

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