

Tuesday 10th May

Dear Parents/Carers

Further to my recent letter, I am writing to inform you that the date for Study Leave for our Year 11 students will now start as of Wednesday 11th May. This means the final day of normal lessons for Year 11 will be today, Tuesday 10th May. We have had to make this last minute change as a result of us just being informed that we will have an OfSTED monitoring inspection on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. This means that we will not be able to run the Year 11 celebrations as we had originally planned on Thursday because the key staff involved in leading the events will now be needed in interviews with inspectors on that day.

As stated in my last letter, in order to celebrate the five years that Year 11 have spent together, there is a special event planned for the whole year group and we do not want to cancel this as a result of the inspection - the students deserve a fabulous send-off carried out in style but also need to start their study leave in plenty of time for their first exam so we felt bringing the study leave forward was the best option.

We have therefore moved the celebration event and the beginning of study leave forward by one day to Wednesday 11th May at 9.30am. The format of this day will be the same as originally planned. Year 11 students should arrive at the Academy at 9.30am. There will be an informal reception where refreshments will be provided, followed by a formal leaving assembly and presentation ceremony in the Main Hall. Students will be dismissed at the end of this assembly which will be at about 10.40am in order to begin their study leave. Students will not be expected to wear Academy uniform on this day but instead we ask them to attend in smart attire fitting the occasion. No form of fancy dress will be allowed and any students wearing this will be sent home to change.

There will be schedules provided for all students showing when revision sessions will be running and, of course, teachers will be able to offer ongoing support and guidance to students should they need it. I would remind all Year 11 students to sign the fire register at reception should they need to be on the school site for these purposes.

We expect our Year 11 students to show maturity and responsibility during their study leave and examinations. We are very much looking forward to the end of year Prom where we can all say a proper goodbye after the examinations. I would not want to see anybody put their Prom place in jeopardy through poor behaviour in the coming days.

Can I please remind parents and carers that it is their responsibility to ensure that their young people use their study time responsibly, but should any support be required in procuring revision materials or guidance please do not hesitate to contact the member of staff for that subject.

All students must ensure that they arrive in plenty of time for their examinations. For morning examinations, we would expect students to be here by 8.40am and for afternoon examinations by 1.40pm.

If you have any further queries regarding the study leave arrangements, please contact your son or daughter's Head of House at the Academy and in the meantime, can I wish all our Year 11 students all the very best of luck for the forthcoming examination period.

Yours faithfully

Tony Morrison
Principal