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Re: GCSE Examinations 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

With your child's GCSE exams fast approaching, we are writing to you to clarify the arrangements for the exam period. With years of experience trialling different models, we have found that during the exam period students are far more productive when in school with teacher support and revision sessions still taking place. Therefore, similar to previous years, all **Year 11 students will be required to attend school as normal until Tuesday 12th June**. Where a student has completed all exams in a subject, they will be expected to attend that lesson, and the teacher will ensure a quiet revision environment in their normal timetabled classroom. Students are required to bring in their own revision materials to complete independent revision in these lessons.

All students will also be required to attend '**Pre-Exam sessions**' **immediately before the start of their exam** in that subject – these are compulsory sessions for all students sitting that exam. These sessions will provide essential last-minute advice, reassurance and reminders about things to do and not do in their exam and will last 15 minutes. More information on these will be provided nearer the time.

After 12th June, students must attend school for GCSE exams, Pre-Exam sessions and, if they wish to, also any revision sessions - but they do not have to attend school otherwise. A timetable of Pre-Exam sessions will be issued to students/parents in April as soon as exam entries are confirmed. We will also be putting on quiet revision rooms where students can study independently if they wish to stay in school between exams after this date.

We wish all students the very best of luck with their revision, which should be well under way now. Please note that we would expect Year 11 students to be doing two hours work every evening, completing any homework first and then spending the remainder of the time revising. It has been really pleasing to see so many students staying for The Revision Room in the Library on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, as well as to the other 60+ revision sessions that are currently taking place across school. If you have any concerns about the volume of revision your child is completing or their understanding of revision techniques, please encourage them to attend The Revision Room where they can get advice and access a quiet environment where they will complete an hour and a half's high-quality revision before going home.

In March, students will receive their exam entries for checking. Individual Candidate Exam Timetables will be issued shortly after that and will contain your child's exam dates and seat numbers. Exam dates remain provisional at this stage but will be confirmed by the exam boards nearer the time. For any queries relating to the examination period, please contact Head of Year 11, Mr M Thompson (mthompson@lymmhigh.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,



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