



Monday 27th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Final School Date and Examination Support for Year 11

As we approach the final stretch of the academic year, we would now like to let you know the end-of-term arrangements for our Year 11 students. The official last day of school for Year 11 will be **Friday 5th June**.

Our Approach to Study Leave

We are aware that this is a high-pressure time for families, and questions often arise regarding "study leave" – the practice of allowing students to revise from home during the exam period. After careful consideration, we have decided **not to offer early study leave** this year.

We firmly believe that remaining in school until June 5th is in the best interest of students. Last year we took this approach and it had a significant impact in supporting students and their outcomes. The approach is also in line with other River Learning Trust schools. Our decision is based on several key factors:

- **Active Revision Support:** Lessons during this period are transitional; they move away from new content and focus entirely on "active revision." Having immediate access to subject specialists allows students to clear up misconceptions in real-time.
- **Structured Environment:** The school day provides a level of routine and discipline that is often difficult to replicate at home. This structure helps maintain momentum and reduces the procrastination that can naturally occur during independent study.
- **Targeted Examination Technique:** Teachers will be using these final sessions to focus on specific exam board requirements, high-mark questions, and time-management strategies that are fresh in students' minds just days before they sit their papers.
- **Wellbeing and Peer Support:** Being around peers who are sharing the same experience provides a vital support network, reducing the sense of isolation that many students feel when revising alone.

Looking Ahead

Up until 5th June, students are expected to attend all lessons and follow their usual timetable unless they are sitting an examination. Following this date, students will only be required to attend school for their remaining scheduled exams.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work Year 11 has put in so far. By staying together for these final weeks, we ensure that every student has the best possible "safety net" as they head into their final assessments.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Gannon
Head of Year 11