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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we get closer to the Examination Period, our thoughts are with Year 11 Students and how we can continue to support them throughout this very busy and demanding time in their life.

When all exams are over, on **Monday 3rd July**, we have the celebration day, which includes activities in school and the prom in the evening. This will be a very special day and something to look forward to. Students invited will be able to sign shirts, meet with their peers and staff will be available to attend. Students will also be able to collect their NLS Hoodie and Year Book if these have been ordered.

Students will go on Study Leave on **Friday 19th May**. Unless they have an afternoon exam, they can leave school after the morning Mathematics exam finishes at 11am. Please note the signing of shirts will not take place on this day but will be part of the school activities planned for our celebration day on July 3rd. Once the exam window has begun, we believe the focus should be on exams and not any distractions at this time.

From Monday 22 May all Year 11's will continue to be able to get support in school from teachers, through their timetabled lessons, until the terminal exam paper has been sat in that subject. The library will be available to work, for personal study, if students feel they need a base for a short period of time. We accept that some students will want to revise in the comfort of their home but may also want to attend a selection of lessons. Unless they have an exam they will be expected to sign in and sign out through reception.

Our students have demonstrated throughout this year that they are well prepared for the Summer exam season, which has now returned to pre-pandemic standards and arrangements. We just wanted to take this opportunity to share some key points from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) guidance which we have to follow in the unlikely eventuality that a student is unable to attend an exam or is impacted by circumstances beyond their control, and to highlight some of our school specific procedures to support this. Where it is not possible at the last moment for a student to sit an examination, due to temporary illness, injury etc, or there is some other circumstances where a student can sit the exam but is adversely impacted by something beyond their control **at the time of the assessment** then the awarding body **may** make some form of special consideration.

The awarding of special consideration for circumstances at the time of the assessment is at the discretion of the awarding body, in line with the [JCQ Guidance for Special Consideration](#) and only goes a small way to compensating for any situation rather than replicating necessarily the student's full capability. Wherever possible it is usually in the best interest of a student to sit the examination.

All examinations measure what a student knows and can do at the time of the assessment, and awarding bodies do not consider longer term circumstances that may have prevented a student from reaching the standards they may otherwise have done.

If there is a situation where a student cannot attend or is experiencing difficulties then we ask:

- Parents/Carers to phone into school before 8:30am if a student is unable to attend on the day explaining the reason why.
- Where a student is able to attend exams but is impacted by something such as injury, family bereavement etc please inform the exams team as soon as possible by e-mailing exams@northleamington.co.uk.

The Exams team will then be in touch to discuss how we can support and to liaise regarding any paperwork and evidence that would be needed if it was appropriate to make a request for special consideration to the awarding body. If you do have any queries please contact exams@northleamington.co.uk

By early next week students' will have received a copy of their examination timetable including seating numbers, and any queries should be sent to exams@northleamington.co.uk

Results Day Year 11

A reminder that results day for Year 11 is on Thursday 24th August. Results are available between 9am and 10am. Students must collect their own results and for any students not able to attend results will be e-mailed to their school e-mail address later that day.

Members of staff will be on hand to both celebrate with students and to support as required with any post-results queries.

On results day we will also be enrolling students to the Sixth Form, more information regarding this will be sent by the Sixth Form Team in due course.

Yours sincerely

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