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Dear Parent/Student

We are pleased to be able to write to you to confirm arrangements for the final important weeks of your child's GCSE studies and the celebrations of their educational career at Wood Green School.

All of the Year 11 students and their teachers are well into the final preparations to ensure that the students have every opportunity to fulfil their potential in the summer and every effort will be taken to support each student in the run up to the exam season.

Research shows that the more exposure students have to their teachers as preparation for their exams the better their outcomes are likely to be. To that end **all** Year 11 students will be expected to attend all lessons until 27<sup>th</sup> May. Where there is a morning examination students will sit the exam and then return to their normal timetabled lesson. Where there is an afternoon exam students will be expected to attend lessons one and two. In lesson three there will be a bespoke revision session designed to help the students focus on their afternoon exam. Their teachers will remind them of good exam technique and give final tips for success. Mr Askew will advise students of the venues for these sessions.

While we strongly believe that attendance at normal lessons is the best preparation for exams we recognise this may not be the case for all students. If you wish to discuss this with us please contact Mr Bonsell or Mr Askew.

The students' last day of formal lessons will be 27<sup>th</sup> May. There is an English exam for the vast majority of students in the morning and after that students will attend their regular timetabled lessons.

**After May holiday the following applies:** Many students will have exams after the May holiday and, clearly, they should come in for those exams. Again, Mr Askew is in the process of arranging revision sessions for students before examinations and will advise further on this at a later date. Our expectation is that students will attend any pre-exam revision session.

If any student is on site and is NOT engaged in either an examination or a revision session s/he MUST sign in and out at student reception. This is essential for health and safety reasons.

The final exam for all Year 11 students is on 24<sup>th</sup> June. After this exam, beginning at 12 pm we will hold our first Year 11 Leavers' Celebration Assembly. This will provide an opportunity to celebrate Year 11 students' career at Wood Green School, share memories and pass on best wishes for the future. Students may arrive in school from 11:45 am (Madley Park and Pensclose gate will be locked as it is during the school day) and go into the Hall where they will sit in tutor groups. At the end of the Celebration Assembly those students who are attending the Year 11 Prom will be able to collect their tickets. Miss Groves and Mrs Clark will be writing to you separately about arrangements for this year's Prom.

At all times we expect the very best from our students both academically and socially. The exam period is no exception to this. We expect our students to arrive promptly at school, engage in all lessons, attend revision sessions, and behave well around the school and to wear appropriate uniform. Any student who does not observe these expectations may not be invited to the Leavers' Celebration assembly and may have his/her ticket to the Prom withdrawn.

Yours sincerely



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