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## Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be keenly aware, the formal examination period for our Year 11 students will begin soon. Many students have already undertaken formal coursework elements, speaking tests and other forms of internal assessment, however the formal examination period runs from **Tuesday 7th May until Friday 21st June**. During this time, students must attend all their examinations.

As a school, we have been so impressed with the maturity, dedication and focus Year 11 students have shown throughout this year. Now is not the time to ease off, it is the time to maintain these same high standards throughout the examination period. To support students effectively we have a rigorous plan for their final six weeks at Harrow Way. You can find a copy of the timetable <u>HERE</u>.

During the three weeks prior to, and the first week after, the half-term break (weeks beginning 6th, 13th, 20th May and 3rd June) all students will either be in an examination or follow their normal timetable. Some students may feel that, if they have had an examination in the morning, they would like to study at home. We can confirm from our vast experience, this is certainly not a good choice. Students need to be in lessons preparing for the next exam, utilising the professional expertise of their teachers. I need to make it clear that if a student is absent from a lesson during these four weeks, and not in an exam, the absence will be unauthorised. Our Year 11 students have worked so hard for the last five years: now is the time to make the right choices.

In the final two weeks (weeks beginning 10th June and 17th June) normal lessons will still be running for students unless they are sitting an examination. For example, when they have a Science lesson their teacher will be in their normal classroom, at the usual time, expecting to see their class for exam preparation. We anticipate that students attend these lessons.

















However, in the instance that all examinations for a subject have been completed, such as Media Studies, students would not have to attend that lesson.

If you have any questions or would like further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor, Miss Fowler or Mr Reed at school. Details about the Prom, final assembly and collecting results will be sent later this term.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you during the examination period to ensure that your child leaves Harrow Way with the best possible outcomes.

Yours faithfully

Mrs D L German

Headteacher