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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 students

Year 11 Stand down and key information

As we approach stand down and the GCSE examinations, we are writing with some key information. There will be a number of messages regarding examinations over the next few weeks and we urge you to discuss these with your child. All communication regarding examinations is available on the school website under Parents - Letters to Parents.

Stand down - Wednesday 8 May

Year 11 students stand down at the end of the school day on Wednesday 8 May. On this day, students will attend period 1 - 3 lessons as normal (lunchtimes will have changed to 12.20pm from this week). Students will leave period 3 at 12.10pm and will have access to the canteen. Students will then have an extended lunch, where they can collect their yearbook and leavers hoodie. During this time, students will be allowed to sign each other's shirts, however, this should be in addition to the one they are wearing. **Please ensure that they attend school with a spare shirt**, should this be something they will partake in. Students will then attend a final celebratory assembly in the afternoon and the school day will finish at 3.20pm.

After five years at Parmiter's, it is important that all students have the opportunity to celebrate their time at the school. Where we have concerns that the behaviour of individual students may negatively impact the experience of their peers, we reserve the right to remove the privilege of attending our celebratory events such our Stand Down Day and/or Prom.

Study Leave Arrangements

From Thursday 9 May, students are only required to attend school for their examinations. However, we know that a number of students prefer, or would benefit from, revising in school and/or working under the guidance of their teachers. We have, therefore, made the following available to students who are in school, but not in an examination:

If students wish to work in school, they must continue to attend lessons for the period Thursday 9 May to Friday 24 May as per their usual timetable. Teachers will be available in their usual classroom for any student who wishes to receive some help and guidance or who wants to revise in school (they do not need to revise the subject for the 'lesson' they are attending).





From Monday 3 June, students may:

- revise in silence in the LRC. A maximum of 20 students will be allowed to use this space, with students signing in when they arrive.
- work in Café 6. Drinks and food will be available to purchase (until 2.15pm) through the fingerprint system, provided students have money in their accounts. Please be aware that students will not be supervised in Café 6 and high standards of behaviour are expected at all times.

Throughout the study period, it's crucial that we know which students are on site in case of emergencies. Therefore, students must follow these guidelines:

- If a student is on site solely for an examination, i.e. they arrive shortly before their examination and leave the school site after their examination they are **NOT** required to sign in.
- If a student arrives on site shortly before going to an examination, they are not required to sign in at this point. However, if they then choose to stay on the school site at the end of their examination to revise or socialise during lunchtime, they **MUST** sign in.
- If a student is on site to attend timetabled lessons (until May half term) or to revise (after half term) they **MUST** sign in.

Students sign in at the PSB.

If a student has signed in, they must also sign out before leaving the site so that we know they are no longer on site.

Sixth Form Conference and Book Return - Thursday 20 June

The Sixth Form Induction Conference and Book Return will take place on Thursday 20 June. Further details of the day will be sent out via email to all students and their parents/carers after half term. However, we include an outline of the morning so you are aware of timings. Students are expected to attend the conference in smart 'business attire' (see <u>Sixth Form Uniform Code</u> for guidance).

Between 8.45am and 9.20am, **all** students will be required to return any textbooks that are the property of the school or books borrowed from the LRC **regardless of whether they are returning to Parmiter's Sixth Form or not**. For those students not returning, arrangements can be made with subject teachers to return books prior to 20 June. Details of the books students are required to return will be given in the more detailed letter after half term.

Those students who intend to return to the Sixth Form must then be at the Sixth Form Conference Centre by 9.30am. After a brief presentation by the Heads of Sixth Form and the Headmaster, students will attend talks for those subjects they are considering studying at A Level. The subject presentations will finish at 12.20pm. At 12.20pm, the Sixth Form team will be available to answer any further questions students may have. Students are free to leave from 12.20pm.

Results Day

GCSE results are published on Thursday 22 August. Results statements will be emailed to students' school email addresses at 8.00am that morning; results cannot be emailed to other email addresses. There is no requirement for students to attend school to receive their GCSE results.

On results day, there will be a number of staff available to offer support about next steps or post results procedures. Advice will be available either in person or via a telephone appointment. Full details of the support available and how to book an appointment will be shared nearer the time.

Sixth Form Registration

After receiving their GCSE results, students who intend to return to Parmiter's must register for entry to the Sixth Form via Admissions+. Students must indicate the subjects they intend to study at A Level, ensuring that their combination of subjects works against the option blocks (which will be available to view on our website) and that they meet the entry criteria for the subject. Please note that students do not select which block they study a particular subject in.

Queries regarding subject choices and registration should be directed to the Sixth Form Admissions Team, 6thformadmissions@parmiters.herts.sch.uk. We respectfully ask that students and parents/carers do not contact Heads of Department or teaching staff directly to enquire about places on A Level courses.

The deadline for registering electronically is 5.00pm on Monday 26 August. Late registration may jeopardise a student's access to courses, particularly in the event of oversubscription.

Please be aware that electronic registration is only the first step in the process. Where there are concerns regarding students falling short of their entry requirements, those individuals will be contacted and may be required to attend school on Registration Day - Monday 2 September. At this point, options will be confirmed and any changes made. The A Level Maths Assessment will take place in the morning on this day as well.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support of the school over the last five years and for your role in preparing our students for their GCSEs. We wish all the students the very best of luck.

Yours sincerely

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