

5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Re: Year 11 GCSE Exam Revision and Study Leave**

Study leave at Church Stretton School has traditionally begun before May half term in the past. More examinations are now taking place in June which means that, for most students, there is a long period between study leave and the last exam.

Research shows that few students can study independently for this extended period of time.

It is therefore our intention to follow, what is now common practice, to shorten study leave and maximise learning time in school. Other schools have reported this as having clear and beneficial effects on results achieved.

We also feel with the introduction of the new GCSE's in Maths and English, exams changing to become more 'rigorous' according to the Department for Education and the raising of grade boundaries that our students being in school for a longer period will allow for better exam preparation.

Study leave will therefore begin on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June. This will mean that until then your son/daughter will be expected to come into school every day in correct school uniform, whether or not they have an exam. They will go to lessons as usual where they will work on focussed revision sessions and exam practice until the exams for that subject are over. They will continue to go to that lesson when it is timetabled, but will be able to use the time to revise for other subjects.

Students will also receive additional targeted revision practice in Maths and English before their exams during this time.

We will continue to offer a room for silent revision during lunchtime where students can go. Students will still have plenty of time to revise quietly at home in the evenings and weekends.

### **Exam Timetable**

You have already received a copy of this year's exam timetable. It is also available under the students section on the school website.

### **Arrangements for Year 11's Last Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

- Period 1 as normal timetable or Physics exam
- Period 2 register and meet in the restaurant to collect Year 11's hoodies
- 10.30am depart school for bowling and lunch at Frankie & Benny's, Shrewsbury (letter to follow)
- Return to school at 3.20pm

**Compulsory Final Lessons – 19<sup>th</sup> June onwards**

Students will only be expected to come into school from 19<sup>th</sup> June for exams and compulsory final lessons which are held the day before their exam. They should sign in/out at reception – a revision classroom will be provided for pupils who travel on the school buses.

**Revision**

All students should be drawing up a revision programme, which should allow for a thorough revision of work supported by appropriate relaxation and exercise time.

**Prom**

This year's prom will be held at Shrewsbury Town Football Club on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm-11pm. A letter with details and menu choices will follow.

**Results Day**

This is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 10am-12pm at the school.

**Leavers Presentation Evening**

This will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 7pm-8.30pm in the school hall.

**Certificates**

Final exam certificates will be available for collection from the school reception after the end of October 2017.

This information will be on our school website.

The next few months are critically important to your child's future success. Thank you for your support in working with us to help your son/daughter organise their revision and study regularly in the forthcoming months to ensure that they perform at their very best in their exams.

Yours sincerely,

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