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Our Ref: AGN/DG

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Dear Student

## Re: Year 11 Leaving Information and Arrangements

The GCSE summer series of exams begins on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, although there may be non-examined deadlines for your subjects prior to this.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 is the official last day for Year 11. By this date, you should have a final examination timetable which you have checked thoroughly, confirmed with the Maths department that your calculator is examination compliant and have familiarised yourself with the <u>exam notices and expectations</u>.

After the 26th April lessons are no longer scheduled, although many subject areas will run optional revision sessions which they will inform you about, as well as stating what equipment you will be required to bring.

Please note students coming into school are expected to:

- Wear correct school uniform
- Sign in and out of school using the book provided at the main entrance
- Work hard and remain focused on their learning
- Behave in an appropriate manner

## **UCM Courses**

The way courses are delivered and assessed at UCM differ from subjects provided within school and as such students studying one of the UCM courses will finish this provision on 27th March. After this date, students are no longer required to attend UCM each Wednesday afternoon. Should students wish to use this time for silent independent study in school then they should contact their Head of Year who can discuss the options available.

The "last day"

On your last day in school the official Record of Experience ceremony will be held. This is intended to be a celebration of student achievement and mark the end of your compulsory education. Students are asked to arrive and register in the Assembly Hall from 8.30am on Friday 26th April. Everyone will be expected to be seated by 8.50am, after this time no further entry will be permitted. Following the ceremony there will be refreshments with staff and an opportunity to have some professional photographs taken. It is anticipated that the majority of students will leave the school site at approximately 11.30am.

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Live to Learn Learn to Live As the Record of Experience ceremony is a formal occasion, students are asked to attend in 'smart office wear', our Sixth Form dress code provides a helpful guide as to what will be expected. Please note that hooded tops, tube skirts and crop tops will not be permitted. Should students not be dressed appropriately they will be asked to make the necessary adjustments and as such risk missing out on some aspects of the day. If you are concerned about the expected standard of dress please do come and speak to myself or Miss Bryson for advice and support.

On the last day it is always very popular for students to have an item of clothing signed by their peers and teachers as a memento. In order to maintain an appropriately formal atmosphere for the day, should students wish to have any clothing signed, they are asked to bring that item separately to their chosen outfit.

May I take this opportunity to wish all students the very best for their final preparations and examinations. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Neill

Assistant Head Teacher

cc Parent/Guardian