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IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION FOR Parents of pupils in Year 11

Formal GCSEs begin on 15th May, with the bulk finishing by 21st June. This means schools are allowed to give pupils study leave. We have equipped pupils with the habits to be able to work independently to revise and prepare effectively for these examinations.

To this end, from **Monday 15th May**, Year 11 school attendance must be as follows:

1. ON THEIR RELEVANT EXAMINATION DAYS - attend school punctually, in uniform and with correct equipment for their examination. Pupils have timetables telling them these details. Most examinations are held in the Sports Hall
2. WHEN THEY HAVE NO EXAMINATION, pupils may stay at home where they should make good use of their time to prepare for their forthcoming examinations. Temptations to procrastinate are great: sunbathing and revision don't mix, nor do loud music/social media /video games and revision.
3. Pupils may elect to come into school. They must come in school uniform. They will be provided with quiet revision rooms that will be supervised. Pupils **MUST** sign in and out: a sign will be placed in reception informing pupils which are their revision rooms.
4. Staff may wish to put on revision classes during their available teaching periods and these may be in school or most effectively delivered online: relevant pupils will be informed of these via Arbor/email.

This means that **Friday 12th May** is the end of their formal lessons. On that day, they must attend school as normal dressed in uniform. They will have lessons. However, during the day they will have a rehearsal for the procedures for the examinations, in the Sports Hall. This is so important to put them at ease so they can start each examination confidently and unflustered.

After these, all Year 11 must attend a closing celebration in the dining hall. There will be traditional shirt-signing. We ask that pupils bring in spare shirts/blouses for this: they still need clean versions for their exams! There will be some speeches, some refreshments and a final good luck wish to them all. We expect them to be finished by **1245, at which point they may go home**. Pupils may elect to stay for lunch and then go or stay on until 3.20pm. We will provide quiet revision rooms for them.

We are proud of our Year 11s: this is a profound time in their lives, and we are confident that they will do justice to their efforts and time at North Cestrian.

Yours sincerely,

Lee Bergin
Headmaster