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Dear Parent/Carer Year 12 students,

I am writing to you regarding arrangements for this summer's exam season for Year 12 students.

As you may be aware, almost all A-level courses are now 2 year linear courses with no requirement for an AS level exam to be taken as was the case in the old modular system.

As such, it no longer is viable or sensible for us to enter all students for external exams in all subjects in the summer of Year 12.

For the current Year 12, we will run an internal exam session, from Wednesday 20 – Monday 25 June, which will run on the same basis as the recent January exam week. This will allow us to assess students' progress and give students further experience of A-level standard exams.

We will however continue to enter some students for external AS exams in the following circumstances:

1. Where students are following a modular course (for example the BTEC courses or Criminology).
2. Where a student may leave the sixth form at the end of Year 12 and the AS entry would allow them to leave with an external qualification.
3. Where a student is taking 4 subjects and intends to drop a subject at the end of Year 12.
4. Where there are specific personal circumstances which mean it is sensible for a student to be entered for an AS exam.
5. Where a student wishes to pay for a private entry.

As a result of this, the Year 12 study leave period from 14 May – 11 June which was originally published on the school calendar will no longer apply and students will be in school as normal at this time. Students will however, be permitted to study from home on the morning of an afternoon external AS exam only.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any queries about this or wish to discuss any aspect of the summer exams.

Yours sincerely

I Duffell (Mr)
Director of 6th Form