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Bishop Fox's
High Standards & High Expectations

Dear Parents / Guardians

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 11 STUDENTS

This letter will help inform you of some key information for Year 11 students regarding the next few weeks. If you have any further questions, then please contact the school office.

Revision Leave

'Revision leave' for Year 11 students will begin on Monday 2nd June, so the last day of lessons will be Friday 23rd May. Year 11 students will not have to attend school full-time after Friday 23rd May. Prior to 'Revision leave', students will attend all of their usual timetabled lessons unless they are sitting an exam. All lessons will focus on preparing students for these exams and student attendance is vital at this time.

During revision leave there will be a venue available for students to remain in school and continue quiet revision or alternatively students are free to return home once an exam has finished.

Pep Talks, Revision Sessions and External Exams

All students have been given a draft copy of their exam timetable and on Friday 25th April students will be given a copy of their final exam timetable. Please can you note that this copy includes the seat number and location for each exam, it is important that all students know where they are sitting for each exam to ensure a calm and punctual start.

All GCSE exams start at 9.00am or 1.30pm. 30 minutes prior to each exam the staff in school will give a pep talk, usually in the Theatre. These have been very well received in the past as they give staff the opportunity to run through the final reminders and advice about the exam, as well as offering the opportunity for students to ask any last minute questions that they may have.

As always we want all our students to achieve their very best in their exams and we will do all that we can to support them. Therefore, a series of revision sessions will take place during revision leave to brief students and go through important areas of course content and exam skills. These sessions will usually run on the day preceding the exam. A timetable of these revision sessions and the pep talks will be given out to Year 11 with their final exam timetable. Students will be required to sign in with the teacher at the identified venue (usually the Theatre) for each revision session they attend after half term. Your support in ensuring students attend as many of these revision sessions as possible will be appreciated.

It is very important that students are well hydrated and eat sensibly before each exam so that they can concentrate and maintain focus throughout. Therefore, a sensible breakfast and lunch are strongly recommended prior to each exam.

Evidence has shown that markedly improved exam performance can be achieved by providing structured revision in school to support the crucial independent revision that students will be completing at home.

For all pep talks, revision sessions, and exams, students are required to wear full school uniform including appropriate footwear. Failure to do so can result in a student being refused access to the exam hall.

We hope that this letter clarifies the arrangements. We have tried to plan a programme that supports students as much as possible and helps them all to achieve their very best results. Please can parents remember that students should not solely rely on the school's revision programme, it is offered to support additional revision and exam preparation that is being completed at home. There are many general revision tips for parents and students to look at on the school's website <http://www.bishopfoxs.co.uk> and revision homework will have been set for students to access through www.classcharts.com.

We want all students to have a very positive final few weeks with us, but we need to make it clear that at this crucial time any students whose behaviour and attitude are having a significantly negative effect on the learning of others will be offered an individual, agreed package. However, there will be consequences attached; such as not being able to attend the final assembly and/or the prom.

As a school we are very proud of the progress that so many of our Year 11 students have made in their time here at Bishop Fox's, they are a superb year group with great potential and have every chance of being extremely successful. Please pass on our sense of pride that we have in the achievements of each and every one of them.

We wish all our Year 11s the very best of luck in their exams and we hope that they will be pleased with the outcomes that they receive on **Results Day at 10.00am on Thursday 21st August**. GCSEs and equivalent qualifications are the foundations for success and we hope that they will offer a range of future possibilities for all Bishop Fox's students.

Many thanks for your continued support and we wish you all every success in the future.

Yours sincerely



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