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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 12 Examination Preparation

The commencement of AS Level examinations is a period of unavoidable disruption to Sixth Form students' normal timetable. This has been further complicated this year by some students doing external AS Level exams whilst others are sitting internal AS Level exams. Detailed below is a summary of the important dates that are coming up: -

- The summer AS external exams will be taking place from **Monday 13th May – Monday 3rd June**. You will have had an exam timetable detailing your son/daughter's specific subject dates. Please be aware that subject teachers will continue to be available at the usual lesson times throughout the examination period to support students in their preparation, and students will be expected to attend subject lessons until they have completed examinations in those subjects. Students with examinations scheduled in the afternoon are permitted to take home study in the morning of the examination, but would be expected to attend lessons at all other times.
- The summer AS internal exams for those students continuing that subject into year 13 will take place from **Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June**. Please see attached timetable that tutors will go through with the students and will be displayed in the sixth form block as well as tutor rooms. Students during this period will not need to attend their normal timetabled lessons unless they are solely following a BTEC study programme and therefore will have taken all their examinations already and should attend normal lessons during this period.

All exams will be marked and graded and given back to the students on **Tuesday 9th July** at 2.00 pm in the hall. The final grade will reflect all units of the course that have been studied through year 12. Following this, on **Thursday 11th July** the students will be expected to attend an academic mentoring session with their tutor. This 20 minute slot will allow them a chance to reflect on their past academic year and put plans in place for next academic year and beyond.

If students have underachieved in a particular subject, in discussion with their subject teacher and myself, they will be asked to complete a second summer AS exam on **Monday 22nd July**. This will be a chance to improve on their result.

To support your son/daughters life skills we have arranged a mock interview morning on **Monday 1st July**. Local companies have been asked to come in and put the students through their paces in a chance to practice their oral communication. A really important skill I'm sure you will agree! Also during the week of the **15th – 19th July**, all Year 12 students will be expected to complete a week's work experience. Please can all Yellow Agreement Forms be returned ASAP as the deadline for them being handed in has passed.

AS results will be available in school on **Thursday 15th August** from 9.00 – 11.00am. I will be available on the results day and **Friday 30th August**, the Sixth Form problem solving morning, to help deal with any immediate and pressing issues relating to A2 courses.

Yours faithfully

M. Colman

Mr M Colman
Head of Sixth Form

