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Dear Parents, Carers, and Students

It was wonderful to celebrate Gilbert Hannam Day at Midhurst Parish church and congratulate our prize winners at the recent Gilbert Hannam Evening in College. As we approach the Easter break, there is important information I would like to share with you. But first, the Year 11 staff team would like to congratulate this cohort on their hard work and good conduct. So much of the necessary work and preparation has been done already by the students to put themselves in a position to achieve well this summer. It is important that students remember all the progress made up to this point and keep a sense of proportion regarding the work over the next three months.

To help organise their revision, we ask all Year 11 students to complete a study plan for the break ahead. Our Easter break is from Saturday 9 April until Sunday 24 April. In their plan students need to allow time to relax, see friends and spend time with the family. Students may allocate some time to a paid part-time job but should not accept extra shifts at the expense of re-charging their batteries and revision for the exams ahead. They also need to plan how they will fit in 2-3 hours revision per subject studied. It will not be productive for students to study for too many hours on any one day, so the plan should not put all the study time at the end of the fortnight. Some students might study for an hour and a half each morning, then enjoy free time after that, whilst others might allocate different times of day. From our revision studies workshop, we know that revision works best in 20–30-minute chunks with short breaks away from the desk in between. Students can collect more revision cards and they must ask subject teachers for any extra resources, help or tasks before term ends. Subject staff will set revision tasks for students to do via Arbor. Some subject staff will invite students to attend an extra session during the break e.g., to prepare for MFL speaking exams.

After the Easter break, we have three weeks of lessons before the GCSEs begin. From Monday 25 April until Wednesday 15 June, all students will attend all their lessons unless they are sitting an exam. Correct school uniform will be worn throughout this time, although students may wear their Year 11 hoodies instead of a blazer. Students will follow a normal timetable unless they have an exam.

Mr. Hudson and I have held an assembly with the year group to explain all the rules and regulations set nationally for all examination centres in the UK. This letter is accompanied by information from the examination staff, so you can check this through with your son/daughter. Students can all see their exam timetables on Arbor. Morning exams will begin at 9am and afternoon exams will begin at 1.30pm. Before 9am exams, students will attend a “blaster” at College from 8.15am; a group revision session with a subject specialist to prepare them on specific skills and techniques for the exam paper ahead. Where possible, blasters will also be timetabled before afternoon exams too.

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For this academic year, the students' last full day will be Wednesday 15 June. After this date, students will still wear school uniform but need only attend College for their exams and afternoon booster sessions the day before their science exams. This year, the exam boards have nominated the last week in June as a contingency week in case of COVID outbreaks delaying any public examinations. Please do not make any travel plans with your Year 11 child before 30 June.

We also look forward to celebrating with the students at the Year 11 prom, to be held at Old Thorns Hotel in Liphook on Thursday, 30 June. Mrs Beesley and Mrs Humphrey have written home separately about this event. Please contact them with any queries about the prom.

We hope that these two letters will give you all the information you need to prepare for the summer term with your child. As always, we are happy to hear from you if support is needed with academic or pastoral matters.

Best wishes for a Happy Easter

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Lunskey'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F' and a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs Fiona Lunskey
Assistant Principal Raising Standards