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Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the start of the main GCSE season, I am writing to share the plans for the remaining few weeks of Year 11.

Before half-term students will attend lessons as normal. The first full cohort exam is Biology which is on Tuesday 16th May. Half-term begins at 3:20pm on Friday 26th May.

The full Summer 2023 Exam timetable is available at https://www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/exams
Your child has been issued with their own personal exam timetable, and will soon be issued with the exam timetable with their venue and seat number. It is imperative that this is kept somewhere safe and easily visible (the fridge works well!) and students have been recommended to take a photo of their timetable.

After half-term, from the 5th June, students are expected to attend only for their exams and masterclasses. Students have been told about masterclasses in assembly. These are lessons with their teachers immediately before their exam. For example, students who have the French exam on the afternoon of Monday 5th June will be with their French teacher that day from 10:30am until the start of the exam. This will allow them to ask any last minute questions and to settle nerves. This will include time for break and lunch. Students will be issued with their personalised masterclass timetable next week. We believe this is the best approach to maximise and ensure success and students must attend the masterclasses as well as exams.

We have been extremely impressed with student engagement in lessons and at their Intervention sessions. We thank you for your efforts in supporting us by encouraging your child to attend. The Intervention sessions are strategically planned to re-teach topics in which students were less confident and successful with during the February mock exams. Students who attend all of their sessions put themselves in a great position ahead of the GCSEs.

Please can I remind all parents/carers that students are required to follow all the normal school rules during the examination period and exceptions will not be made. This is especially the case for uniform which must continue at the same high standard. Students are aware of the equipment that they need for examinations and we would appreciate your support with this. If you have any difficulties providing uniform or equipment we will be happy to help.

We believe that our students are in a strong position, however, if any student is in need of support as we approach the end of Year 11, please remember that our team is here to support them:

Ms N Keefe (Head of Year) and Ms S Phipps (Pastoral Support Manager) - Pastoral support

Mr K Mason (Assistant Headteacher) - Exam support

Ms C Griffiths (Careers Coordinator) - Year 12 and Next Steps

Once a student has completed all their examinations, they will no longer be required to attend school. Thank you for your ongoing support as we all work together in the best interests of your child.

Yours sincerely,



Assistant Headteacher

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