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Dear Parent and Student

I would like to take this opportunity to keep you informed about the important events involving Year 11 students over the next few months. There is a great deal of crucial information here; please read this letter carefully and retain it for future reference.

Last Day of Term - Friday 12th May

Friday 12th May is the last day of school for Year 11 students before the start of study leave, and we would like the year group to enjoy the day. This day will be a non-uniform day for the year group. Students are welcome to bring in one of their school shirts for their friends and teachers to sign.

We will be having a Leavers' Assembly on the day to give the students a chance to reflect on their time at Bexley Grammar School, which will be led by the different forms. Students will then be dismissed for the last time at the end of the assembly.

This means that Thursday 11th May will be the very last full day of lessons for the year group. Students must attend as normal in full school uniform and with all appropriate equipment for normal lessons. After 5 years, I very much want our year group to leave in a dignified, mature manner; if disruption is caused to the wider school community, I reserve the right to remove study leave and other privileges from the students concerned.

Study Leave

Study Leave is a privilege and will not be offered to those students who are not up to date with their work. We expect that for the vast majority of our students study leave will be a highly constructive period prior to their examinations. I am sure that most students will use the time productively. There may be other students, however, who, for whatever reason, find it difficult to study at home. To help these students the school is able to offer the use of the Library along with some designated classrooms as places for quiet study to take place. Year 11 students are welcome to use the facility for independent study, provided they attend school in uniform and sign in and out of school at Reception.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the study leave period, please do not hesitate to contact me, or your son's/daughter's form tutor.

Communication

We may need to communicate with students once study leave has commenced and will do this via their school email account. I would, therefore, like to remind students to check their emails regularly, at least once a week.

Book Return – Monday 26th June

I would ask that all students who are in possession of text books borrowed from the school attend school on Monday 26th June between 11.00 am – 12.30 pm in order to return their books. Students should report to the Hall and will be directed from there.

Induction Days – June

A separate letter from Mr Morris regarding the Sixth Form Induction Days at the end of June will follow shortly.

Year 11 Riverboat Trip – Monday 10th July

On Monday 10th July, the Year 11 Riverboat Trip will take place. The boat leaves from Greenwich Pier promptly at 6.45 pm and will return at 11.00 pm. I hope to see many students on the trip as a final celebration in Year 11.

Yearbook and Hoodies

The prefects and Mr Martin have been working hard to produce a memorable Year Book. Hoodies have also been ordered and both of these items should be available for collection on Book Return day.

Results Day – Thursday 24th August – Information for Students

Students may collect their results at school from 9.30 am to 11.00 am from the Canteen area. If you wish someone else to collect the results on your behalf, then that person should be provided with a written note, signed by the student (not the parent) authorising the collection. The Examinations Officer, should also be informed before you go on study leave.

Any results not collected by 11.00 am will be posted that afternoon **only** if an A5 size stamped self-addressed envelope has been provided. The envelope must be handed in to the Examinations Office preferably before you go on study leave but definitely before the end of the exam period. **Results will not be made available over the telephone, by email or by fax.**

If, based on the results, your application to the Sixth Form has been successful a pink letter offering three options will be issued: A – confirm your place in the Sixth Form and the courses that you will be studying; B – confirm that you will not be taking up a place at BGS; or C - request to change courses. Senior members of staff will be available to help with this. Ms Caley-Gardiner (the School Careers and Higher Education Adviser) will also be available on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th August, to give advice and support where needed, and full details about when she will be available and how to contact her will be in results envelopes. Brenda Austen (Prospects Adviser) will also be in school on results day to speak to students.

If the application has not been successful you will have the chance to discuss alternative options with Mr Morris, Miss Leffen and Mr Morgan on the day. There will also be an opportunity to make an appointment to discuss alternative options on Tuesday 29th August between 9.00 am and 11.00 am.

Please note that a request to change courses may be denied where courses are already full. If it is not possible to follow the original courses selected and alternative courses cannot be accommodated, you cannot be admitted to the Sixth Form.

Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their continued support given to the entire Year Team over the past 5 years. The students in Year 11 are dynamic, independent learners with whom it has been a pleasure and privilege to work and teach. I would also like to express my gratitude to all staff at Bexley Grammar School who have worked extremely hard to ensure that all of the year group have been given every opportunity to fulfil their potential. From lessons and school trips to extra-curricular clubs and activities, the students have experienced a wealth of opportunities. Finally, I would like to wish all the students the very best of luck in their GCSEs and good luck in whatever they choose to do next year. I am sure, like me, you will be very proud of them.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Boulden
Director of Studies, Year 11

Book Return List

Science Not issued to students. Any borrowed please return to M6	OCR Gateway – Chemistry OCR Gateway – Physics OCR Gateway – Biology	
MFL 1/2 Spanish	Mira Higher	£20.25
French	Tricolore Total 4	£24.99
German	Echo HIGHER	£20.25
Russian	Iskra 3	£40.00
Japanese	Obento Supreme	£40.00
Italian	Amici	£29.50
Latin	Cambridge Latin Grammar (red)	£14.75
DT	AQA GCSE Product Design	
Food Tech	AQA GCSE D and T FT	
Textiles	AQA GCSE D and T Textiles	
Business Studies	AQA GCSE Business Studies	£19.99
Economics	OCR GCSE Economics	£21.50
Psychology	Edexcel GCSE Psychology	£18.99
History	AQA History B International Relations: Conflict and Peace in the 20 th Century - McCabe Ferriby Hewitt and Mendum	£14.99
	AQA History B Twentieth Century Depth Studies - Ferriby Hewitt McCabe and Mendum	£14.99
<p>No books are required from the following subjects: Ancient History, Drama, English, Geography, ICT, Music, PE and RS.</p>		