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Dear Parent / Carer

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 - Thursday 11th May

Thursday 11th May is the last day of school for Year 11 students ahead of their study leave. We would like the year group to enjoy the day. It will be a non-uniform day for Year 11 and students are welcome to bring in an additional school shirt for friends and teachers to sign.

On the final day students will go to Registration, Period 1 and Period 2. We will then be having a Leavers' Assembly with videos created by each form group. This will give the students a chance to reflect on their time at Bexley Grammar School. Students will then be dismissed for the last time at the end of the assembly and should leave the school site.

Wednesday 10th May will be the last full day of lessons for the year group. Students must attend as normal, in full school uniform, and with all appropriate equipment for their lessons. After 5 years, I very much want our year group to leave in a dignified, mature manner; if any disruption is caused to the wider school community, study leave and other privileges may be removed. The Headteacher has made it clear that he will not tolerate any disruption to the school day.

Examinations are scheduled to take place from Monday 15th May until Tuesday 20th June inclusive. Wednesday 28th June is an additional contingency day which should also be kept free.

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 productive period prior to their examinations. I am sure that most students will use the time effectively. Should you have any questions or concerns about the study leave period, please do contact me, or your child's form tutor.

Communication

We may need to communicate with students once study leave has commenced and we will do this via their school email account. Kindly remind students to check their emails regularly, at least once a day.

Book Return

All students who are in possession of text books borrowed from the school are required to return them. This takes place on a set date at the end of June. Further details about this will follow in due course.

Year 11 Riverboat Trip – Monday 3rd July

On Monday 3rd July, the Year 11 Riverboat Trip will take place. Kindly arrive no later than 6.30 pm. The boat leaves from Greenwich Pier promptly at 6.45 pm and we are unable to delay it to wait for latecomers. The Trip will return at 11.00 pm and students are dismissed at that point and will be expected to make their own way home.

Results Day – Thursday 24th August – Information for Students

Students may collect their results at school from 9.00 am to 11.00 am from the Canteen area. If your child wishes someone else to collect their results on their behalf, then that person should be provided with a written note, signed by the student (not the parent) authorising the collection. Results will also be emailed to students' school accounts later that day. Should your child encounter any problems receiving their results please ask them to email the Examination Officer, Mrs Bono (bono_a@bexleygs.co.uk).

Inside their results envelope, students will find a blue slip that will let them know if they have gained the requirements to enter our Sixth Form.

Prior to Results Day, Mrs Aspill will send Year 11 an email which includes a link to a Google form. The Google form **MUST** be submitted as soon as possible once results are collected/received, please. The Google form includes the following options: **a)** to confirm the place in Sixth Form, **b)** to let us know if a student has issues they would like to discuss or **c)** let us know that they do not wish to take up the place in our Sixth Form.

If your child has issues they would like to discuss, Senior members of staff will be available to help with this. Ms Caley-Gardiner (the School Careers and Higher Education Adviser) will be available on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th August, to give advice and support where needed. An adviser from the Prospects Careers service will also be in school on Results Day to speak to students.

Please note that a request to change subjects 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

The time has come for me to thank you for your huge support over the last 5 years. If your child intends to stay at BGS, they will have a different pastoral team supporting them through their Sixth Form studies. The students in Year 11 are considerate, enthusiastic, responsible, independent learners. It has been a privilege to be their Director of Studies. I would also like to express my gratitude to all staff at Bexley Grammar School who have worked extremely hard to ensure that the year group have been given every opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Finally, I wish all the students the very best of luck in their GCSEs and beyond.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Mackle
Director of Studies, Year 11