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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 with your child and retain it for future reference.

Last Day - Friday 3rd May

Friday 3rd 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 and celebrate it as a community. By this point, students will have also received their yearbooks and hoodies, if they ordered them. 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. Students will not be allowed out of lessons on the final day so I strongly encourage them to ensure they are organised and that they go to see any staff members they wish to speak with (to say thank yous, give cards etc) before Friday to avoid disappointment. We will then have a Leavers' Assembly with videos created by each form group and speeches from staff. This will give the students a chance to reflect on their time so far at Bexley Grammar School. Students will then be dismissed at the end of the assembly and should leave the school site promptly. Students should return home after dismissal, but if they choose to celebrate and spend time with friends, we ask that they respect the school uniform and maintain the high standards they have demonstrated for the past five years.

Thursday 2nd 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. The Year 11s are fondly regarded by the staff at Bexley Grammar School and many staff have already told me how much they will miss their classes. Therefore, I very much want them to leave in a dignified, mature manner that is befitting of them; 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 Thursday 9th May until Tuesday 19th June inclusive. Thursday 6th and Thursday 13th June are additional contingency afternoons and Wednesday 26th June is a 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. These students and their parents/carers will be informed prior to the Year 11 Last Day. We expect that for the vast majority of our students, study leave will be a highly productive period prior to their examinations and I am sure that most students will use the time effectively. Students wishing to eat at school between exams must ensure that they keep their accounts

topped up. Should you have any questions or concerns about the study leave period, please 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 – Wednesday 26th June 2024

On Wednesday 26th June, the Year 11 Riverboat Trip will take place. Kindly arrive no later than 6.45 pm. The boat leaves from Greenwich Pier promptly at 7 pm and we are unable to delay it to wait for latecomers. The Trip will return at just after 11.00 pm and students are dismissed at that point and will be expected to make their own way home. A consent form was sent home on Friday 19th April. It is mandatory that this form is completed prior to the date of the prom.

Results Day – Thursday 22nd August – Information for Students

Students may collect their results at school from 9.00 am to 11.00 am from the Canteen area of the school building. 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 themselves (not a guardian or 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.

If your child has issues they would like to discuss following their results, Senior Team 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 22nd and Friday 23rd August, to give advice and support where needed.

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.

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 despite best efforts, your child cannot be admitted to the Sixth Form.

Thanks

The students in Year 11 are considerate, enthusiastic, responsible, independent learners. If your child intends to stay at BGS, they will be well-supported throughout their Sixth Form studies by

a different pastoral team, who are experienced with all the intricacies involved in Sixth Form life. It has been a privilege to be their Director of Studies for this key year of their Bexley Grammar School journey and to have worked with such a vibrant and personable cohort. I would like to express my gratitude to Mr Skinner, who guided the year group so wonderfully for the past four years and to Mr Oyedeji, for all his efforts with the yearbooks, hoodies, and prom, and with the year group as a whole. I acknowledge as well the wonderful form tutors, and indeed all staff at Bexley Grammar School, who have worked extremely hard throughout your child's time here to ensure that the year group have been given every opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Finally, Mr Oyedeji and I wish all the students the very best of luck in their GCSEs and beyond. We look forward to celebrating these upcoming events with them and to congratulating them on their results in August.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Orchard
Director of Studies, Year 11

Mr Oyedeji
Senior Academic Mentor, Year 11