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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Examinations – Attendance During the Exam Period

Thank you to all parents and carers who have been in touch regarding attendance arrangement for Year 11 students during the GCSE examination period. We really do appreciate your engagement and your commitment to supporting your child through this important time.

We have received a few enquires asking whether students may begin study leave early, or take study leave on days when they do not have a scheduled exam. We want to take this opportunity to explain our position clearly.

Our approach to study leave

KESH does not operate a study leave policy. This is in line with the approach taken by the majority of schools nationally. We expect students to attend school every day throughout the exam period, including on days when they do not have a scheduled exam, and to continue attending their timetabled exam booster sessions as normal.

Why does this matter?

Between now and the end of the exam season, our teachers have carefully designed bespoke revision and recall lessons for every subject. These sessions are built specifically around the exam content your child needs – and they are not simply lesson that can be replicated at home with a revision guide.

We know from experience that it can be that one final piece of knowledge – a specific quote, a key term, a method, a case study – that makes the difference between one grade and the next. We would hate for any student to miss that moment because they were not in school.

What we ask of you

Please continue to encourage your child to attend school on every day that they do not have a scheduled examination. If your child is unwell or unable to attend for any reason, please contact us as normal using our usual absence procedures.



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We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students and everything they have achieved. We want to give them every possible opportunity to show what they can do – and that begins with being present, prepared, and supported right up to the final exam.

Setting the right example

As our most senior students, Year 11 pupils have an important role to play as ambassadors for KESH. The way they conduct themselves in school and in the wider community during this period reflects not only on themselves, but on the school as a whole. We ask that they continue to demonstrate the values and standards we expect of all KESH student – punctuality, respect, and a commitment to doing their best.

End of year events and privileges

We are very much looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our Year 11 students through our end of year event, including the end of year activity, Leavers' Assembly and Results Day. These are occasions we want every student to enjoy. However, please be aware that participation in these events is kept under ongoing review. We reserve the right to withdraw invitations where a student's attendance or conduct falls short of the expectations we have outlined in this letter and across the school year. We sincerely hope this will not be necessary for any of our students.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,