

RCL/LDA/GHA/OPH

27 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Study Leave 2023

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family well. As we work towards the end of a demanding but highly productive spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to confirm the arrangements for the forthcoming GCSE examination period starting on **Monday 15 May 2023** and finishing on **Wednesday 21 June 2023**. All candidates must also be available on **Wednesday 28 June 2023** as it is the National Contingency date, and as such, could be used in the unlikely event of any examinations having to be moved by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ).

Summer Term 1 - Monday 17 April to Friday 26 May 2023

As you are aware, the GCSE examination period commences on **Monday 15 May 2023**, where upon Year 11 students will be required to attend their examinations as outlined on their individual Statement of Entry form which you received in January. When students are not sitting an examination, they will be required to follow their normal timetable and attend all lessons.

Where subjects have completed their final examinations before **Monday 5 June 2023** these lessons will be given over to other subjects and revision sessions for the next examinations. We believe that these arrangements will enable the students to focus on their studies and maximise their opportunities to achieve success.

The summer examination timetable remains available on our website for your information via <https://www.plume.essex.sch.uk/exams-information>.

Summer Term 2 - Study Leave - Monday 5 June to Wednesday 21 June 2023

'Study Leave' will commence on **Friday 26 May at 3.10 pm** and this will permit Year 11 students to independently revise at home when they are not sitting an examination.

Whilst we appreciate that many of our Year 11 students possess the necessary revision skills and high levels of motivation to successfully adopt a self-study approach, we also recognise that some students can struggle to make the best use of unsupervised and unstructured revision time. Therefore, we would like to offer all Year 11 students the opportunity to attend revision lessons in all subject areas up until their final examination so they can continue to access relevant revision support and guidance from their subject staff during the academy day.

Please note that full school uniform must continue to be worn whilst students are in academy for revision or when they are sitting an examination.

Structured Revision Support

Structured revision support will take place during normal timetable lessons from **Monday 5 June 2023** and Year 11 students are asked to arrive to lessons promptly and in full academy uniform.

For health and safety/safeguarding reasons if students elect to attend revision sessions they are asked to sign in and out at our Student Support Centre (SSC). Students are not required to sign in when they have a GCSE examination as registration will be taken at the start of the examination.

Extra-Curricular Revision Sessions

We have been delighted with the number of Year 11 students who continue to engage with the extra-curricular revision sessions across a vast array of different subject areas. It is also important that students

continue to be proactive and liaise with subject staff about the scheduling of these sessions during the examination period.

Queries relating to Year 11 examinations

If you or your child have any subject specific queries relating to their summer examinations, please liaise with their subject staff in the first instance. A full list of staff contacts can be found on our website via <https://www.plume.essex.sch.uk/staff-contacts>.

Alternatively, if you have any questions relating to summer examination entries or timetable, please liaise with the Examination Office via exams@plume.essex.sch.uk.

GCSE Examination Results Day 2023

Results day for GCSE, Cambridge Nationals, BTEC Technicals and other Level 2 qualifications will take place on **Thursday 24 August 2023** at 9 am. Further information relating to this Results Day and Plume College enrolment will be shared with you in due course.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family a very happy Easter holiday. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information or support.

Yours sincerely,



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