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REF: YEAR 11 INFORMATION ON EXAMINATIONS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I'm writing to clarify some information regarding examination times and venues, and to give further information in relation to our supervised study provisions during study leave.

As stated in my previous communication home, the last full day of normal school for year 11 students is Wednesday 30 April. Study leave will begin on Monday 5 May. From this date students need only come into school on a day when they have an exam. However, we will welcome Year 11 students throughout the exam period. When students come in to school, for study or an exam they should sign in at the secondary reception desk and they should be in school uniform. During the time that students are in school they may work in silence in the LRC, or work quietly in pairs in the Secondary Dining Hall.

Students will be given a timetable of pre exam revision sessions with their teachers. These are not the only times staff are available, many staff have told their students they are welcome to come in during Year 11 lesson time to go over areas of concern.

If a student has more than one exam in a day, we expect them to stay in school between their exams, in order to study. Research indicates that students' associate school with working; it is also highly likely there are fewer distractions than home. I would therefore hope that most, if not all students will stay in school to study between exams. However, if you wish for your child to go home between exams, please email me at p-kelly@bisspuxi.com so I can arrange for them to be allowed to leave the school site.

I would encourage all parents to discuss revision with your sons and daughters. This is a critical time and it should be spent wisely if your children are to achieve the Golden Targets they set themselves at the start of the year.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our students the best of luck in their exams. I appreciate this is a stressful time but I know they have been well prepared for the exams up to now, they must continue with the same diligent approach over the final few weeks.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Kelly
Head of Key Stage 4

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Head of Year