



The Venerable Bede Church of England (Aided) Secondary School



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Dear Parent/Carers

As we approach the final few weeks of our journey through school with our current Year 11 students, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all of the support you have given to school over the past five years. It has been my pleasure to watch your children grow into the young adults who they are today.

As we are at a crucial time for our Year 11, I would like to explain how we intend to organise the final few weeks for the benefit of the students: Up until the half term break there is no change to our school day. After the half term holiday the exam season is in full swing with exams scheduled for the morning and afternoon. From 7 June, students may study at home if they wish or come into school to work.

Teachers will be in their classrooms for every Year 11 timetabled lesson until the last exam is taken on 28 June 2010. This will mean that any Year 11 student who needs individual support can receive this and that every student has a place to study. This support will continue even when the exam has been completed for that subject. If a student decides to come in to school to study, we do insist that they do so for an entire morning or afternoon session i.e. 8.25 am – 12.00 pm or 1.00pm until 2.55pm. Any student who has been in school revising is welcome to have lunch before going home, equally any student coming in for the afternoon session may come in for lunch first. We would like any revision time to be productive and we will not allow any student to be in school for the purpose of socialising.

We are also going to try something new this year. We would like to get as many students as possible involved in breakfast revision sessions. Students come in to school for 8.00 and have a free breakfast with us. We then have a 45 minute revision session to remind students of the essentials of the exam that they are about to take, and have the opportunity to settle those last minute nerves!

Some subjects have indicated that they need students to continue to attend lessons after the half term holiday. These are:

- Any student studying BTec Applied Science (Mr Clark)
- Any student with an ICT re-sit exam (Mrs Goodrick)
- Any student studying Business Communications (Ms Hill)
- Any student studying RE GCSE is to attend RE lessons on 7 and 8 June (Mr Johnson)



If there are any questions regarding these subjects please speak to the member of staff identified in brackets.

Make I take this opportunity to once again recommend to you the half term revision sessions that will take place. These sessions have proven to be very successful during both the February and Easter holidays.

I would like to wish all of our Year 11 good luck in their exams and best wishes for their continued success after they leave us.

Yours sincerely

**Mr David Airey
Acting Principal**

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Year 11 Study Leave Letter, dated 11 May 2010

I have read the letter regarding Year 11 study leave.

Student name Tutor Group

Parents/Carer signature

Relationship to student

Please detach this slip and return to Student Welfare Reception.