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Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer

We are now confident that GCSE exams will take place this year. Many students have already taken exams that will contribute to their final grades and others will be completed in the coming weeks. The full summer exams will begin on 16 May; the timetable is attached to this letter. In all subjects, staff and students are continuing to work hard to ensure all students are fully prepared for their GCSE exams.

As part of our preparation, there will be mock exams in school from Monday 14 March to Friday 25 March. The organisation and marking of these exams will reflect the summer exams and will be an important indicator of your child's potential performance. Following these exams, we will implement a full programme of intervention and revision to ensure every student is supported in their preparation for their final GCSE exams.

There is a weekly timetable of after school sessions, designed to support students with their revision and exam preparation. These sessions run every week and cover all subjects. All students are welcome to attend, the timetable is attached to this letter. I would strongly urge you to encourage your child to attend some of these sessions, as they offer an ideal opportunity for exam practice and to ask questions and discuss revision techniques.

Attendance at school is absolutely critical for all Year 11 students in the coming weeks. All lessons will be focused on the exams with tutor time and assemblies to support students as they approach both the mocks and their final GCSEs. Time will also be spent on completing applications for college and/or apprenticeships and ensuring students have planned for next year. Students who do not attend school, or who arrive late will, inevitably, be at a disadvantage and will need to make up for lost time. Of course, if your child is too unwell to attend school we understand, however we would urge you to encourage full attendance from now on. Should your child be absent they should access revision materials on Google Classroom.

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We fully appreciate the demands for parents/carers of supporting Year 11 students at this time. This can be a very challenging time for both Year 11 students and their families. We are also very mindful of the significant impact of the pandemic. To support you we would like to invite you to a **GCSE preparation evening** for parents/carers and students. This will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 8 March at 5.30pm. At this meeting, we will offer advice and guidance to help you to support your child during the exam period. There will also be the chance to ask questions and talk to a range of staff. The meeting is for you and your child, and a goody bag of revision materials will be available for every student who attends.

To mark the end of Year 11 and their time at Graham School we would like to invite all students to a leaver's celebration. This inclusive event will be held at school on the evening of Thursday 30 June and will include a full meal and a range of entertainment. There will be no cost for this celebration and we hope that all students will attend. We will be inviting students to contribute to the planning, as well as working with external companies. Further details will follow in due course.

Thank you again for your continued support. We will keep in contact with you in the coming weeks and look forward to seeing you at school on 8 March for our GCSE preparation evening.

Yours faithfully

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Principal

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Head of Year 11