



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

12th May 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 12 Study Leave

I am writing to you in view of the impending examination period as your child nears the end of Year 12. We would like to confirm that **Friday 21st May** will be the final day of normal timetabled study, after which the pupils will be free to revise at home and only attend school only for their examinations (24th May – 11th June). This is in-line with the arrangements that we have used in previous years and commensurate with the expected level of independent study for A-Level students. There will also be an important notice on the reverse of the individual timetables regarding expectations in and around the examination hall. We will be making arrangements for these assessments, as if they were external public examinations. It is therefore vitally important that all students maintain the highest standards of behaviour (and uniform) when in the examination hall. This will include not allowing bags into the Sports Hall. Due to the lack of secure storage, pupils should not bring bags with them for examinations. They will be able to store notes/folders at the rear of the examination rooms.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind pupils that they must wear their ID badges and use them at the scanning machines whenever they enter or leave the school site, as this will be used to generate lists of pupils in the event of an emergency.

The Examination timetable has been emailed to pupils and they will also be receiving individual schedules with seat numbers, rooms etc.

Pupils will return to their normal lessons on **Monday 14th June** for an important period of study.

During the final weeks of the Summer Term we will start the post-18 preparation process, which will be UCAS applications for the majority of pupils. I will write to you again to confirm the process for attendance of Open Days at universities, but would like to reiterate that pupils should not miss any school time for this purpose prior to the examinations.

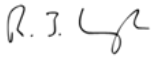
We plan to release the examination results on an internal results day on **Wednesday 30th June**. You will remember that these results play a huge part in the predicted grade process, as the Headmaster mentioned in his letter in February (excerpt below):

We will continue our policy of basing UCAS predicted grades on the outcomes of the exams at the end of Year 12. As I described, we are taking the decision to increase all exam grades by one grade in order to produce predicted grades.

*Any appeals following this process should be in by the **deadline of the 22nd October (3rd September for priority applicants)**. An uplift of two grades will only be considered in exceptional circumstances: medical reasons, family circumstances or a clear and evidenced variation from general performance in Year 12. These appeals will be via a Microsoft Form.*

This can be a very stressful time for the pupils and for you as parents, so I wish you all the best in supporting each other. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Weston at school.

Yours sincerely



Richard Langton, Headmaster
Headmaster



R J Matley
Head of Sixth Form