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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your ongoing support of your Year 11 child this academic year. We were very impressed with good attendance and conduct on our recent INSET day. Many students have already completed GCSE practical/speaking exams to a high standard. They soon begin the most intense period of written GCSE exam papers. Please see below details of how we will support the students and what we expect of them. Let's all continue to work together to ensure the exam period runs smoothly.

1. Year 11 students are expected to attend school as normal, in full school uniform, (blazers not hoodies), working to their normal timetable in-between exams from Tuesday 7 May until our celebration assembly on Wednesday 12 June. That afternoon we will enjoy a complimentary lunch together as well. After this date, Year 11 students are expected to attend booster sessions and exams only, still wearing uniform.
2. For a fortnight from 7-17 May, we will trial some changes to our normal timetable, to offer students a run-up to each exam which we are calling a **launch pad**. Students will have a booster lesson for each exam in that subject the day before, as well as a blaster session just before an exam begins. It is a trial because it will involve room changes and different lessons to normal. We need students to listen, read the signs each day and get promptly to their lessons. If they do this well, launch pad will ensure students get a smooth and coherent run-up to each exam, and maximum support with revision and preparation.
3. Tutor time will be held each morning in the canteen from 7 May. Students must be equipped at all times with notes, revision cards or guides, utilising this time for quiet, productive revision. They should be equipped with items such as calculators, or highlighters, as required for each exam paper.
4. Punctuality each morning during this period is vitally important. Students are offered breakfast, free of charge, on the mornings of maths, English and science exams and are encouraged to come into school from 8.00am to have breakfast together before the final "blaster" sessions with their subject teachers at 8.30am.
5. As stated on the exam regulations letter sent home last week, students must never be absent from school or miss an exam unless they are taken seriously ill. If this happens, written medical evidence will be needed to apply for special consideration.
6. There are GCSE exams on every Friday afternoon during this period and you should discuss transport home on those days, if lifts etc. need to be planned.
7. Between exams, we will ensure students have breaks and/or lunches as required. Blaster sessions for afternoon exams begin in Period 4, to allow time for lunch, so pupils can assemble at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm exam start.

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8. Exam results can be collected by students on Thursday 22 August between 9.00am and 11.00am in person. Families should contact Mrs Donoso (exams officer, [soledad.donoso@mrc-adacademy.org](mailto:soledad.donoso@mrc-adacademy.org)) to nominate a friend or relative in advance in writing, if they will not be able to come into College that day but want to find out the GCSE results.

Please do contact Mrs Silverthorne or me if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing or academic work this term. We look forward to welcoming many students to our Sixth Form transition days on 24 and 25 June, and of course to celebrating at Prom on 4 July.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Lunskey'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

Mrs Fiona Lunskey  
Assistant Principal Raising Standards