



Wednesday 25th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by commending our Year 11 students for the mature and conscientious way in which they have approached the first two weeks of their GCSE examinations.

Study leave

I wrote to you previously to explain that the DfE guidance regarding study leave states that students should not be granted study leave once the teaching of the exam content is complete. We felt that it was important to follow this guidance in order to ensure that students were focused and able to access lessons taught by subject specialists, particularly in light of the amount of lost learning in the last two years.

Now that exams are under way, some students feel that they would be best placed to prepare for their exams by doing this at home. With that in mind, whilst we continue to encourage all students to attend school every day and follow their usual timetable, we have made the decision to allow students to study at home as of **Monday 6th June**, if parents/carers feel that this would benefit your child.

All Year 11 students have the option of attending school and accessing their normal timetabled lessons until the final exam on Friday 24th June and we would encourage students who require a more structured approach to their revision to do so.

Any student who is continuing to work in school **must sign in and out via the Student Office**. We hope by putting this more flexible system in place, it will support both students who prefer to prepare at home as well as those who benefit from continuing to attend their normal lessons.

If you do not wish for your child to access study leave and would prefer that they follow their usual timetable as of Monday 6th June, parents/carers must notify the Student Office on 0191 511 1600 by 9:00am on Friday 27th May.

Final farewell

As this will be the last week that all Year 11 students are together as a year group, we will host a final farewell at 11.10am on Friday 27th May after the chemistry exam. We will provide refreshments for students and it will be an opportunity for them to say goodbye to staff and have their shirts signed (N.B: If students are sitting their Computer Science exam in the afternoon, they must bring a spare shirt to ensure they meet exam board regulations). Students will then leave before lunch unless they are sitting the Computer Science exam in the afternoon, in which case they must remain on site to complete their exam. Furthermore, if your child is continuing to attend school rather than work from home then they must remain on site until the end of the day.

Once again thank you for supporting us in ensuring our Class of 2022 have the end to their time at Biddick they deserve. We look forward to seeing them at the Prom on 30th June.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me on;
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Yours faithfully,

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