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Dear Parents/ Carers and Students of Years 12 and 13,

### **Advanced Information for Exams and Exam Arrangements**

I am writing to you regarding the Public Examinations for GCE AS/A levels, BTEC Level 3 subjects and GCSE Mathematics which the Government has confirmed will take place this summer.

Advanced Information has been released from Exam Boards detailing any changes that will be made to the Summer Exams, for example a choice of topics where previously there had not been, or more narrow and specific guidance of what topics will be on the exams.

As a school we have been looking carefully at the Advanced Information to make sure we can make the best possible use of the remaining time before the exams begin, and students should make sure they are fully aware of the changes to their exams and what they need to know, and what they do not need to know. Our teachers will be guiding students to prioritise their learning in school, but it will also be crucial for students to prioritise their revision to focus on the things that will be on their exams. Students will have been made aware of the changes (if applicable) in their subjects, but we have also uploaded links to these documents on the website for you to see. You can find this exam information available here:

[Examination Advance Information](#)

### **Study Leave**

Year 13 A level study leave will begin on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. From this date onwards, Year 13 students studying A level subjects will be required to only attend school for their public examinations. However, we are planning to run an extensive programme of revision sessions throughout the summer exam season which we advise all A level students to attend. Details of the exact timings of these sessions will be shared with you soon.

Year 13 BTEC Level 3 and WJEC Applied Diploma in Criminology lessons will continue as normal during study leave and students will be required to attend these lessons unless they have a public examination the next day when they have permission to revise at home. Only when a student has fully met the coursework requirements of the Specification will they be given permission to stop attending these lessons.

Year 12 students will have no 'Study Leave' during the summer examinations. One benefit of adopting our policy of entering students only for the AS level they intend to drop means students lose minimal teaching time during the exam season. Students are allowed to spend the day before a public examination revising at home.

We understand that some Year 12 students are entered for more than one AS subject and consequently, we are willing to make special consideration for exceptional cases for students to begin



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their study leave from the 16<sup>th</sup> May according to the following criteria:

- Parental request in written form (email) where parents / carers are confident that their child is independent enough to study at home and be organised to attend all scheduled exams.
- Students have demonstrated their independence and maturity by getting an average score of at least 4 for independent study in their Spring Review report (which will be published shortly).

Please note that we will keep all parental requests on file for future reference and the responsibility for learning at home will rest with you as parents/carers.

If you wish for your child to be considered for this, please email Mr Wright at [AWright@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:AWright@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk) and we will consider the request for your child.

It is our expectation that students are currently revising regularly at home for at least two hours each evening to ensure they are fully prepared for their summer exams. Many thanks for your support in this.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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