



June 2018

Dear Family

Year 11 Study Leave

As you are aware, students have been completing their GCSE examinations for a number of weeks and I would like to congratulate the students on the mature and responsible way that they have approached the examinations. At this point the majority of the large entry examinations have now been completed and students will have also completed many of their examinations in their option subjects, which means that students are no longer required to attend these lessons.

Students are no longer required to attend normal lessons from the end of day on Tuesday 12 June.

Students are only expected to attend for examinations or pre-arranged revision sessions from this date. We will continue to be available to support your child. Students can contact staff by email, receive work from the class sites, or use the revision portal, available through the Student Portal link.

We would ask that students sign in and out as a visitor at Reception on days where they do not have an examination, but need to be on the Academy premises.

Additional sessions are available for any student who wishes to attend; we highly recommend that you and your child discuss their revision programme, and use these where appropriate for them. On Thursday 14 June, a DT revision session will run between 9.15 and 10.15, followed by a Physics session between 10.15 and 12.35, to support preparation for the examination on Friday. Students are welcome to attend as appropriate.

At this time of year, we wish to focus on celebrating memories: in order to share photographs of events such as Prom, Leavers' Assembly and Results Day, we require an updated photo permission letter. One is attached to this letter, if you have not already returned the form – please return these to reception.

As your child has not yet completed the BTEC Digital Creative Media coursework element, we require them to attend on the afternoon of Wednesday 13 June to do so. The Academy will remain open until 5pm, which should allow your child to complete the work in one

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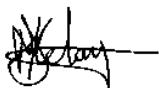
sitting. It is essential that they attend. Further sessions will also be required if the work remains incomplete.

A formal celebration event has been scheduled for June 15, following the Physics examination, including the opportunity to mark their time at Thorns by signing shirts, books and take photographs.

As far as possible, these arrangements take into account the individual nature of the examinations process and we expect that students will treat these arrangements with respect. **Students must wear full Academy uniform whenever they are attending the Academy whether that be for revision sessions or formal examinations.**

We hope that you will support us in continuing to make every moment count until your child's final examination. Many thanks for all of the hard work and commitment shown over the years your child has attended the Academy - we have greatly appreciated this, and we look forward to hearing of their success as they move on to the next step of their education.

Yours sincerely



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Principal

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