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20 May 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Year 11 timetable from 28th May 2010

Year 11 have already begun their final examinations of compulsory schooling. There have been a variety of practical examinations and some of the written examinations have already been taken and others are being completed as I write this letter. A full copy of the examination timetable is published on our website, www.gems.org.uk and students have had their individual hard copy. Students will continue with their timetable up until half term and be released for examinations. On Friday 28th May some students have an examination first thing in the morning with the remaining students in their lessons. At 11.00am there will be a final assembly with students being dismissed at about 11.40am.

To cover the period after half term, students have received a new timetable. This is also published on our website. This timetable consists of prescribed revision sessions and examinations. When the students do not have a revision session or an examination they are to study at home. Staff will also be available during their normal lesson times for students to come into school if they need clarification for their revision. This combination of revision sessions and individual study has evolved over the last five years across the country and it has proven to be more successful than just allowing students to have study leave.

Whenever students are in school they are expected to follow normal school procedures including behaviour and uniform. It is essential that students do not compromise their learning or the learning of others in school otherwise sanctions may be employed. These can include, withdrawing invitations to the Prom, taking examinations at another centre or poor conduct being reflected in any future reference from the School. These have been clearly explained to the students and we hope that, as in previous years, we do not have to action any of these sanctions.

Finally, may I wish everyone the very best of luck. Study hard and enjoy the fruits of your labour. Examination results can be collected on **Tuesday 24th August from 10am** in the main school hall.

Yours sincerely

M A York
Executive Headteacher