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Dear Parent/Carer,

The end of this first half of the summer term marks the final week of lessons for our Y11 and Y13 students - we wish them all the very best for their examinations during May and throughout June. We look forward to seeing them on their results days in August - for A Levels the results day is Thursday 17 August, for GCSEs the results day is Thursday 24 August.

When Y9, Y10 and Y12 students return after the half term break, they will all move into the next year group. They will be issued with new timetables before the end of this week. During June and July these year groups will have internal examinations in each of the subjects they study. The results will be uploaded to Go4schools in July, along with an updated projected grade to reflect how they are likely to perform at the end of their KS4/KS5 course. We will send a schoolcomms as a reminder when all of the information has been uploaded. Please do get in touch with the school office if you are experiencing any problems accessing your Go4Schools account.

In July Y10 (Y11) and Y12 (Y13) will have work experience weeks and all students will be involved in enrichment activities: it will continue to be busy until the end of the term.

A further change following the May half term break will be a move from vertical tutor groups to year based tutor groups. This academic year, all students have been in a vertical tutor group in a House and have also participated in year group activities with their Head of Year. Moving forward, we are reverting to year based tutor groups after half term. We believe this will allow us to better meet the needs of students in each year group. Our aim is for the change to be minimal for students and to that end, we will be moving groups of students from their existing tutor group, together, to a new year-based tutor group.

From June, your child's Head of Year (formerly Senior Tutor) will be:

For new Y10 (Y9 to May) - Ms Webb

For new Y11 (Y10 to May) - Mrs Sansom/Miss Rooney

As the weather warms up, a reminder that uniform expectations remain high and we expect all uniform to adhere to our policy. A reminder also, that students should be on site by 8.45am and in tutor bases by 8.50 for the start of the school day. We appreciate your support in these areas.

We wish all our students taking internal and external examinations much success. All our students know what success looks like: we have spent time this year specifically looking at this value. Please encourage committed revision activities and contact your child's Head of Year if you need further advice on this; we look forward to celebrating our students' successes throughout the summer,

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KH', written in a cursive style.

Miss Kim Horner
Acting Headteacher