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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Important Dates for Year 11**

Year 11 are working hard as they approach their remaining months in school and we are very pleased with their attitude in lessons. It is important that levels of attendance and behaviour remain as high as possible, for students to achieve their full potential in the summer exams.

Many students will have received notifications of interviews and offers from post 16 providers. If you have any issues or queries regarding applications or post 16 options please contact Mr Oakhill, Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance Manager at [noakhill@soham-college.org.uk](mailto:noakhill@soham-college.org.uk).

Please find below an overview of the key dates and events for your child's remaining months at Soham Village College:

**12 February – Provisional GCSE exam timetable**

Provisional timetables will be given out in this week with the GCSE dates (subject to amendments). If there are any problems or queries, please contact Mrs Botcher, Exams Officer, as soon as possible; [nbotcher@soham-college.org.uk](mailto:nbotcher@soham-college.org.uk).

**15 February – Year 11 GCSE Revision Skills Evening 5.45-7pm: Please save this date**

We look forward to seeing you and your child for what we hope will be an informative and practical evening about how to support your child with GCSE revision. This event will be in school. More details will follow closer to the time.

**11 March – Core subject second mocks**

Students are due to sit mocks in core subjects in this week. This will be an invaluable opportunity for students to practise the parts of the course not yet assessed in exam conditions. It will provide a milestone for students in their long-term revision plans and give them the best indication of how well prepared they are for the summer and what they can hope to achieve.

**22 April – Final GCSE exam timetable given to students**

Students will receive their final timetable for the GCSEs during this week. This will include times, locations, tiers and arrangements for any scheduled clashes and will be printed on green paper. If there are any problems or queries, please contact Mrs Botcher, Exams Officer, as soon as possible; [nbotcher@soham-college.org.uk](mailto:nbotcher@soham-college.org.uk)

**26 April – Celebration Day**

An opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the journey through secondary school before the summer exams begin.



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### **7 June – Year 11 formal lessons finish**

The best way for students to prepare for exams is to work with the expert guidance of their teachers who are delivering a planned programme of revision. This will include exam specific skills as well as a thorough recap of all relevant material from the course.

### **26 June – GCSE contingency date**

In the event an exam is rescheduled by the exam board, this is the final date it can be timetabled for. Students **must** be available until this date (JCQ national guidance). It is not a re-sit date, students **cannot** choose to sit an exam on this date if they miss one.

### **28 June – Leavers' Prom!**

This is held in our Performing Arts Centre and is the official leaving day for your child from Soham Village College.

### **22 August - GCSE Results Day**

Results can be collected from Beechurst Hall between 10am and 12 noon.

The year group have worked consistently hard to put themselves in an excellent position as the final exams approach. We will do everything we can to maintain their focus and the high standards they have set. We reserve the right to withdraw the privilege to attend Celebration Day or the Prom if a student's conduct falls below an acceptable level.

Please discuss the contents of this letter with your child. If there is anything more you feel we can do to support your child through their GCSEs, please do not hesitate to contact one of us. More information about the Revision Evening, GCSE timetables, Celebration Day, study leave, Prom and Results Day will be sent home in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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