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Dear Parents and Carers of our Year 11 Students,

As we edge closer to the exam season, I thought I should write to you with some important information regarding exams, prom, leavers assembly, study leave etc.

Year 11 GCSE Exams

Individual timetables with seating details will be sent after Easter. In the meantime, if you want to access the exam timetable, please follow this link on the school website: https://www.theongaracademy.org/exams/

Please note the following important notices:

- Students arriving more than 30 minutes late to exams without a valid reason will not be allowed to sit the exam. We will consider exceptional circumstances only.
- We will be using a wand for random checks during the exam season in order to meet JCQ guidance about unauthorised items. Mobile phones should be left in bags or given to the invigilator before entering the exam room.

Practical exams will take place on the following dates:

- Art will take place from 9 to 3 on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th April.
- MFL will take place from Wednesday 30th April to Friday 2nd May. Exact slots will be given directly by the teacher.

PROM

Students have up until the Friday of half term (23rd May) to collect as many points as they can to reach the 3000 mark. I will be adding on, after Easter, 100 points for every grade students went up, from the November to March Mocks, this will greatly help students on their way. Another, PROM specific letter will be sent out to parents shortly as well.

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Leavers' Assembly

The leavers' assembly will be on Friday 23rd May. The students will have time to sign shirts, say their goodbyes and thank yous, then have the assembly, followed by popping over to the youth centre for a Pizza party, cakes, BBQ, ice cream van and music. Parents will be invited too. Further details to follow, but please save the date 23rd May from 12:30pm onwards.

Study Leave

Lots of students and parents have been asking about study leave, and when this will be, and if students will get it. This has not been decided as of yet, and we are in constant discussions in our SLT meetings. Most schools do this on an ad hoc basis depending on the year group, but it is likely all students will be in school up until around the May half term.

I will be in touch again after Easter with further details on a few of the matters raised above.

I hope you have a great Easter, and I look forward to seeing some of the students in over the holidays for the intervention programme.

Kind regards,

Mr Williams

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