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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Important Updates Information

Firstly, an enormous thank you for all your support and hard work in getting your child/ward to the end of their 11-16 education. Almost all students are approaching their exams with maturity, and I hope they will reap the rewards of this in each exam they sit. I wanted to get in touch with important updates and information regarding exams and Year 11's final day of school. Please read the points below:

- 1) As you are aware, exams start on **Thursday 8 May 2025** and I want to do all I can to support students through this time, which can be stressful and challenging.
- 2) To allow students to **productively revise** for their most pressing and upcoming exams, students will continue to have access to past papers and revision resources from the Library to help make this time productive during tutor times.
- 3) Year 11's will be leaving us on **Friday 23 May 2025**; this will be a half day for them. After the morning exam has finished, Year 11's will go to their Period 3 lessons as normal until 11:10 am, at which point their teachers will escort them to the Astro area. From here students will have the opportunity to sign jumpers and t-shirts until around **11:45 am** when students will be sent home from school. Students who travel to school by car or bus will need to make arrangements to get home after this time. If you have a concern either financially or logistically, please contact me by email: d.birkin@taverhamhigh.org
- 4) After the half term break, **students will only be attending school to sit their exams** so please keep encouraging and supporting them from home as much as possible so the momentum they have built up over the last few weeks continues. They are still welcome to contact their teachers directly for any help or support they might need.
- 5) In order to support students further, we will be hosting revision breakfasts for some of our larger exams. In short, this is an opportunity for subject leaders and teachers to remind students of key points for the forthcoming exam and clarify any misunderstandings just before students go into the exam. Students can come into school early, have a free breakfast to fuel them up for the exam and listen to twenty minutes or so of last-minute reminders, then have some time to prepare themselves for the exam. More information on this will follow.

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- 6) In addition to this, after the half-term break, as some students will struggle to come to school later in the day for an afternoon exam and will need to arrive first thing, we are making a study room available for quiet revision before afternoon exams. The room available is likely to change period to period, and so the week's study rooms will be printed out and displayed in the Main Reception each week. This is going to be open for bookings shortly and information on how to do this will follow too.
- 7) Finally, just a polite reminder that all students must be in their school uniform for the duration of the exam period. This is to allow staff invigilating the exams to quickly confirm that no one is wearing any item of clothing that may break JCQ, Ofqual or awarding body rules. Any students wearing incorrect uniform risk being turned away to change and therefore are likely to miss at least some of their exam.

When it arrives, I hope you enjoy a restful and sunny half-term break.

Yours faithfully



Miss D Birkin
Head of Year 11

