

20 May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Graduates' Day and Study Leave

Thank you for your continued support at this pivotal time in your child's education, this is not an easy time for parents but all you are doing to support, cajole and provide structure for your children makes a huge difference. The year group have demonstrated great maturity, positivity, and a dedication to their studies as the exams have started.

Graduates' Day - Friday 22 May 8.45 - 12.45

Friday 22 May is the last day of timetabled lessons before study leave begins on Monday 1 June. For this day only, Year 11 students may bring a white shirt or polo shirt with their uniform so they can have this signed. In recent years, many students have chosen to decorate these shirts and we are happy for them to do this again, however, if a student arrives with any profanities, offensive material or inappropriate images on their shirt, they will have to change into a polo shirt provided by the school. **Students may not wear their decorated signed shirts into their PE exam as this is prohibited by the Joint Council of Qualifications; they can either wear their graduate hoodie over this or they can change into this shirt once they have left the exam.**

Time	Activity
08.45	PE GCSE Exam School Hall All other students in form time and normal P1&2
10.50	Year 11 extended break time in the Quad - <i>ALL bags etc to be taken to the quad/hall as students will not be able to come back onto site until the end of the school day (15.05)</i> Shirt signing and photos Pizza and ice cream
11.45	Graduates Assembly
12.45	Early Finish - Year 11 leave the school site via the Leisure Centre Exit. They will not be able to exit via the bus lanes exit.

Please make your own travel arrangements for your child or remind them to walk round to the bus lanes if they need to catch the school buses home at the end of the day (from 15:05).

Study Leave expectations

- From **Monday 2 June** onwards, students are only required in school when they have an exam.
- Students should be revising at home or in study spaces in school. These will be advertised with a sign on the LRC door each day.
- School buses will continue to run at the normal times so students will be responsible for making their own way to and from school outside of these times.
- Once they are officially on study leave, Year 11 students may wear their own clothes when they come into school to sit their exams
- Students must ensure that they have their ID cards with them at all times. They will need these when they arrive and sign in at the front reception area and they must be clearly displayed on exam desks in their exam venue.
- **Students can not sign in via the sixth form entrance and will be asked to walk around.**

Study Leave advice and information ([Useful subject specific revision resources can be found here](#))

My advice for effective, sustainable revision:

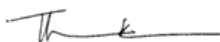
- Get up at their normal time (as if for school) and then commit to 2-3 hours of revision each day.
- Start early. If they do this, they will still have the late morning, afternoon and evening to unwind, see friends and enjoy their May half term break.
- Get fully focussed. Revision works best when it is focused; no distractions such as a mobile phone, music, TV, computer etc. Put these distractions in a different room.
- Be prepared. All materials and resources should be ready before the timer starts so that your revision time is solid, productive work.
- Chunk revision slots. Break your revision into 40 minute slots (roughly) and have a short break in-between each slot.
- Do practice questions every day.
- Revise downstairs. If this is possible, you will find that there are fewer distractions and you are accountable to others in your house. They will see if you aren't working!
- If you have a desk or dining table to work at, use this.
- Relax and switch off. When you're not revising, do your best to stop thinking about exams. If you've worked hard in the morning, you've earned a rest!

Sign-Out Day - Wednesday 24 June 9.10 - 10.50

Year 11 students must officially sign out from The Weald and return any equipment borrowed. This will take place in the School Hall on the morning of Wednesday 24 June. Year 11 students will complete a sign-out sheet and return anything they have borrowed from the school (e.g. Chromebooks, books or resources), before **swapping their completed sign-out sheet for their Prom 2026 ticket**. If you are away on Wednesday 24 June, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you for all you have done and are doing, I will send a further letter about Prom and Results Day after exams end.

Yours faithfully,



Mr T Brixey
Head of Year 11