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Dear Parent/carers

We are writing to you to inform you of a number of key notices for our Year 11 students in this final full term at Uxbridge High School. With the GCSE exam period running from **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**, it is imperative that we ensure the final months are as productive as possible. To this end, there are several key points we, as the Year 11 team, would like to emphasise to you, to aid in our support of the Year 11 students.

### Attendance and Punctuality

In the remaining months of Year 11, it is imperative that all Year 11 students are in school every day and arrive to school on time. Attendance is directly linked to attainment, and students missing any days off school risk achieving lower grades in their GCSEs.

### Subject Interventions

Department areas have recently launched their Period 6 intervention lessons after school, to help students catch up on missed work, and help prepare them for their exams. For some of our students, these intervention sessions are mandatory, however, all intervention sessions are open to all Year 11 students, regardless of current attainment. Please familiarise yourself with the intervention timetable below and encourage all students to attend intervention sessions in key subjects that they require support with.

#### Week A:

Day	Subject
Monday	<b>Block A options:</b> Art / Business / Engineering / Geography / History / Sport / PE / Psychology / Sociology / Spanish
Tuesday	English
Wednesday	Maths

#### Week B:

Day	Subject
Monday	<b>Block D options:</b> Biology / Business / iMedia / Computer Science / Drama / Geography / History / Music / Music Technology
Tuesday	<b>Block C options:</b> Business / DT / Engineering / French / Geography / Hospitality & Catering / History / Sociology
Wednesday	Science
Friday	<b>Block B options:</b> Biology / Business / iMedia / Drama / French / Geography / History / Photography / Spanish

Furthermore, there will be intervention over the February half term. Further information will be sent shortly.

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## Post-16

An incredibly important part of Year 11 is planning for the next steps that our young people will take. On this point, in recent months, our students have been receiving 1-to-1 careers meetings from our careers advisor, looking at potential sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeships.

The deadline for applications to our sixth form has now passed, and students will have attended an interview with our sixth form admissions team. We wish all applicants luck in their interviews, and sincerely hope they choose Uxbridge High School as their sixth form of choice.

## Leaver arrangements

In the coming weeks, you will be receiving communications regarding the leaver arrangements for our students. This will include information regarding, and an invitation to, the Year 11 Prom, the 2024 Year 11 graduation, and an invitation to register your child's interest in purchasing a 2024 UHS leavers hoodie. A link to register interest for the 2024 leavers hoodies will be required to be completed by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. A separate payment request will be sent thereafter.

Please keep an eye out for these communications, as any late responses run the risk of missing out.

## Important Dates

Finally, as we get closer to the GCSE examination period, it is important you keep in mind the following key dates:

Date	Event
29/01/2024 – 02/02/2024	Sixth Form interviews
12/02/2024 – 16/02/2024	February half term
12/02/2024 – 16/02/2024	Holiday intervention sessions
26/02/2024 – 08/03/2024	Year 11 Final PPEs
29/03/2024 – 16/04/2024	Easter Holidays
25/04/2024	Year 11 Parents Evening
9/05/2024 – 26/06/2024	GCSE Exam Period
20/06/2024	Year 11 Graduation
04/07/2024	Year 11 Prom

As can be seen, as of time of writing there are less than 4 months left before the official beginning of GCSE examinations. We would like to take this time to thank you all for the support you have shown our students, both this academic year, as well as in the past, to help prepare them for this moment. We would further like to welcome you to continue supporting them, encouraging them, and providing them with a quiet, dedicated space to study, so that they may reach their potential.

Yours sincerely

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