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Dear parents/carers

I wanted to write to express how important it is for our year 11 students to be in school as normal for the next couple of weeks to take full part in their drop-down revision timetable.

Exams have started very early this year and we are only just at the start of the series. I know that some students will say that they revise better at home and I understand this later on in the series when there are less exams to focus on, but for now my advice (through lots of experience), is that it is far too early to be taking your child out of school to revise at home and the best place for your son/daughter is still with their specialist teachers in school. I was disappointed to see so many leaving school yesterday afternoon missing Maths and X band revision. I also need to point out to make sure you're aware, that any sessions your son/daughter is not in school count as unauthorised.

I am conscious I wrote to you earlier in the week outlining celebration plans, including Prom. Celebrating our students at the end of the exams is very important to us but that only comes after a continued commitment by our students for their exams (this includes being in school for the next few weeks!).

Monday is PE/Option X revision and then English revision in the afternoon. I know Mrs. Carney will be carrying out a pre-examination briefing in the afternoon so it is critical your son/daughter is with us!

Please can I ask for your support by not taking your son/daughter out of school before or after exams for the next few weeks.

Yours faithfully

Mr Stuart Holland
Headteacher

