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Dear Parents and Carers of Y7 to 10 students,

As you may know, we go to extraordinary lengths to ensure that all our students have the best opportunity to succeed in their GCSE exams. This involves most students having special arrangements for completing the exams, the result of which is that most classrooms and all teaching assistants are used to deliver the exam arrangements.

Due to the significant increase in students requiring such arrangements this year, we will not be able to run normal lessons during the mornings when the English Language and Mathematics exams are taking place. The dates affected are:

* Thursday 15th May
* Friday 23rd May
* Wednesday 4th June
* Friday 6th June
* Wednesday 11th June

For the mornings on each of the dates above, instead of normal lessons, we will be running extended supervised study sessions, overseen by teaching staff. For Y7-9 students who attend school on those mornings, they will be based together in G9. Y10 students will be based together in G12/G13.

Please be aware of the following information for those students in Y7-10 who attend school on these mornings:

* Y7 to 10 students must remain in their allocated room for the entire morning, apart from supervised breaks.
* As some students have extra time, there may be some occasions when the Learning For Life room is unavailable at lunchtime. The main hall and food room will be open as normal.
* During the sessions listed above **ALL** of our TAs will be involved in invigilating the exams. Therefore, **there will be no TA support available for any other students during these morning sessions**. Support will run as normal in the afternoons.
* There are likely to be changes to the TA support available throughout the exam period, in order to allow us to respond to the needs of our Y11 students.

We fully understand that the extent of these changes, and the restriction on breaks, is likely to cause issues for many of our Y7-10 students. Therefore, if you feel that your child will struggle with these arrangements, please be aware that they are welcome to stay at home and access learning via Google classroom instead of attending for the morning sessions.

Thank you for your understanding of this essential process – one that your own child will benefit enormously from should they require this level of support when they reach their GCSE year.

Yours sincerely,



Phill Arrowsmith

Headteacher