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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are now entering the final stages of the Year 11 exams and I wanted to share with you how proud we are of how students have conducted themselves with preparation and revision and their performance in the exams.

I am sure they will continue with the momentum they have gathered until their final exam, and will continue to prepare using the resources and boosters that we have been working through together.

Below is an overview of key dates and activities over the next few weeks.

Exams & boosters

All students have a personalised exams calendar, which details the exams they have each day. The final large examinations (full year group) will take place on Friday 16th June. Students will attend the Academy everyday until this point as Year 11 students are following a bespoke timetable which has boosters directly before each exam which are tailored to the contents and skills required for the exams.

To support revision from home, subject Directors from across the Trust will continue to provide online evening master-classes focussing on each subject and each of the areas of study in the exams. These sessions have proved to be extremely beneficial and all sessions are recorded so students can access them either live or at a more convenient time.

<https://www.outwood.com/revision-masterclasses>

Friday 16th June

After students have completed their exams on Friday 16th June they will leave the site, as this will be their final full day of secondary school at Outwood Academy City.

- Students who only have the science exam on the morning of Friday 16th June will sign-out from the Academy site directly after their exam at around 10:30 am. The students who are doing the separate Sciences will sign-out of the Academy site around 11:00 am due to their exams finishing around 10:45 am.

- Students who are sitting the Geography exam on the afternoon of Friday 16th June will remain onsite and will attend a special Geography booster in preparation for their exam at 1:00 pm. They will then sign out after this exam. The exam will finish around 2:15 pm.
- Students attending the Geography booster 11:00 am - 1:00 pm on Friday 16th June will receive a free lunch.
- A small cohort of students will be taking the Hospitality & Catering and Further Maths exams on Wednesday 21st June. Students taking this exam will receive a personalised plan for their booster session before the exams.

Rites of passage

Students will be able to participate in the rites of passage of leaving school such as shirt and book signing and a leavers assembly. This will take place on Monday 19th June in the dining hall between 9:00 am and 10:00 am. We request that students bring a spare shirt to sign, so that they can continue to wear their uniform for the remaining exams and to support personal space and contact. Students may also wish to bring a memory book to be signed by peers and staff.

On Thursday 29th June students will be celebrating at their Prom. As shared previously the Prom will be taking place at **The OEC, Penistone Road**. This is always a wonderful opportunity for students to come together and celebrate their hard work and friendship with peers and staff. More information will follow in regards to times and menus.

Uniform donation

As you will be aware, we have several children who attend our school whose families experience a degree of financial difficulty. The cost of school uniforms is continually rising, and replacing lost, old, or outgrown school clothing can be a considerable financial burden for many families.

We are therefore inviting year 11 students to donate their blazers and ties to us upon the completion of their exams that we can redistribute to families who may need them. This choice is totally up to you; if you would rather your child keep their blazer and/or tie as a memory then of course we completely respect that.

Please note, uniforms can only be donated after a student's final examination; full uniform for all examinations is expected as always. If you would like to kindly donate your blazer and/or tie, please drop them at our school reception.

Year 11 Results day

Students and families are invited to attend the academy on Thursday 24th August to collect and celebrate their results from 9.00 am. Academy staff and careers specialists are on hand to celebrate outcomes and support students

with their results and their next steps. As always, the event is open to students and families, with access via students' reception

Whilst the information above provides a vision into the future, our minds remain focussed on these final days to maximise performance in these final exams. Below is a broad calendar but you should also refer to your child's personal exam calendar.

Fri 9th June	AM	Geography
Fri 9th June	PM	Science
Mon 12th June	AM	English language
Tues 13th June	AM	Science
Tues 13th June	PM	Spanish
Wed 14th June	AM	Maths
Thurs 15th June	AM	History
Fri 16th June	AM	Science
Fri 16th June	PM	Geography
Wed 21st June	AM	Hospitality and Catering
Wed 21st June	PM	Further Maths

As we move into the second-half of the exam season and commence planning for the final stages, it is important to recognise that we must maintain the level of hard work and commitment that we have seen so far right through until the end, so that students fully meet their potential and secure the fantastic outcomes that set the foundations for their future.

Continued excellent attendance is vital, and this plan ensures that we remain focussed; and maximise every minute.

Thank you for your support from home in prioritising your child's commitment to these exams and helping us build belief in them. We look forward to celebrating their achievements later in the summer.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Dzoboku
Principal