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For Parents/Carers of Year 13

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with regards to our Sixth Form Home Study policy. As you know, we currently allow Year 13 students to leave the school site at break and lunch times and if they do not have an afternoon lesson, they can sign out at 1.30pm. The majority of students are also allowed to sign in later on a Monday and Friday morning if they do not have any lessons.

However, we have decided to review this policy following the changes to the school day and student feedback. From Monday 21 September the expectations are as follows:

Year 13 students that HAVE Mon/Fri am Home study privileges

- **Every day:** Students can sign out for home study any time after 12.30pm (and back in for Period 5 if they have a lesson), where they do not have lessons/other scheduled activity.
- **Tues/Weds/Thurs:** Students are expected in school each day from 8.40am (until at least 12.30pm), except morning break when they are able to leave the site.
- **Mon/Fri:** Students may arrive late and sign in no later than the start of period 3 (11.30am), in the event they have no timetabled activity period 1 and/or period 2. Where they do have a lesson period 1, they are expected in tutor time as normal (8.40am).
- **Exception:** If students have **no lessons** in a day, regardless of the day of the week, they can study at home with parental permission. Please complete this form if you are happy for your young person to study at home for a full day. Without your permission, students will be marked as having unauthorised absence. Please note that this only applies where a student has no lessons. Where they have at least one lesson, the usual expectations (as outlined above) will apply.

Year 13 students that DO NOT currently have Mon/Fri am Home study privileges *(we will send a separate reminder to you where this applies)*

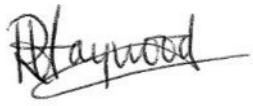
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- Students will have supervised study on their timetable and are expected to attend
- Please note that these expectations apply even on days where students have no lessons/timetabled activity.

Please note that during all periods of home study, students are expected to be at home studying and not completing part-time work etc. If students need approval for individual activities such as driving lessons, tutoring or volunteering, there is a form they can complete. Please note also that students may at times be asked to attend a meeting by a member of staff; they must attend regardless of whether or not they would normally have home study at that time.

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Home Study privileges are regularly reviewed based on attendance, punctuality and progress. We appreciate your support in this as we endeavour to ensure that we provide the right balance of support and independence to our students to prepare them for their next steps.

Kind regards,



Rose Haywood

A reminder of the new timings of the school day for Year 12 and 13 students

8.40 Movement Bell
8.45 Tutor Time
9.10 Movement Bell
9.15 Period 1
10.10 Movement Bell
10.15 Period 2
11.10 Break
11.30 Movement Bell
11.35 Period 3
12.30 Movement Bell
12.35 Period 4
13.30 Lunch
14.10 Movement Bell
14.15 Period 5
15.10 Final Bell