

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

The summer exams will begin in the coming days. Many pupils will have now completed internally assessed work, non-examined assessment and sat external examinations throughout the year in vocational subjects. We expect pupils to attend school as normal up to and including the morning of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Study leave will follow from this point and pupils will only be expected to attend school to take their exams. Pupils are of course still welcome to attend school to revise in the study centre should they wish to. Session 6 and other revision sessions will continue. Toast and fruit will be available in the lower school canteen in the morning daily should pupils need anything before these series of examinations.

We are also concerned about traffic and roadworks through and around Newport Pagnell and Olney. Our understanding is that these are likely to continue throughout the exam period so please allow extra time when travelling in order to make exam start times. For the next week, up to study leave starting, registration will be, as normal. As discussed at the revision evening, past papers, mark schemes and exemplar answers (so pupils know how they are assessed and how to pick up marks on answers with 'levels' for example) need to be front and centre of revision now. Morning exams are scheduled to start at 9am. I would recommend that pupils continue to arrive around 8.30am - 8.40am.

### **Final Assembly & start of Study Leave**

Mr Moore will send further correspondence with details of the day on 10<sup>th</sup> May. I know that the Pupil Leadership Team have been working very hard behind the scenes to make this memorable.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Pupil Leadership Team for their efforts in organising this event. They have been so proactive this year with a significant impact across the school and wider community. A tough act to follow for the current year 12!

### **Return of text books and other materials on loan from the school**

Your son / daughter will have a number of textbooks that have been provided on loan by the school to support their education and preparation for their assessments. It is vital that these are returned on or before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June to their subject teachers. Parents will understand that the school cannot afford losses through the non-return of books. Similarly, any Year 13 pupils that have been loaned laptops during the course of the year to support them studying online must return them by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.

## **Cashless Catering Accounts**

Pupils leaving the school have the options of any remaining money in their account being refunded to their parent(s), transferred to a younger sibling's account, or donated to charity. The Finance Office should be informed about which is preferred. Any money remaining in unused accounts after 30<sup>th</sup> September will be cleared and donated to the school's charities, Save The Children and Willen Hospice. After this date no refunds or transfers will be possible.

## **Results**

Pupils will receive their exam results on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Pupils will be able to come into school to collect results from 9am. Exam results are regarded as an individual's exclusive property, and we regret we cannot hand or email them to parents. Pupils can authorise somebody to collect results on their behalf or have them emailed by completing the relevant form available on the school website: <https://www.ousedale.org.uk/exam-notice-and-information> . If pupils wish for results to be posted to them, they will need to provide a stamped addressed envelope to the Exams Office by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

We will also ask pupils what their actual destination will be so would appreciate filling in the form that will be attached with their results, in addition to details of how to 'stay in touch' consistent with our priority of developing stronger links with our alumni.

## **Appeals against results**

As is usually the case with examination results, this year pupils will be able to appeal their grade. However, it is very clear in the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) guidance that following an appeal a grade can go down, up or stay the same. Full details of the appeals process will be posted on the school website prior to results day. Information regarding the post-results service will also be available on the school website under the pupils tab.

## **Further support**

We look forward to celebrating results and intended destinations with pupils. However, if results are not as expected, Ms Moulds, careers and myself will be on hand to support if required.

Wishing your sons and daughters the very best in the coming exams. We are very proud of your achievements so far and look forward to celebrating with you all on results day.

Yours sincerely



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