



Friday 19th May 2023

Dear parents / carers,

Firstly, I would like to congratulate your child on their really positive start to their GCSE exams. Year 11 have been determined and resilient in the exams so far and the staff at Isca could not be prouder of what they have achieved so far.

Exam support for Year 11 after half term

Isca Academy has not operated study leave for the last two years. 'Study leave' no longer takes place in most schools. After half term, the GCSEs will be continuing and we are confident that Year 11 scholars will continue to meet the challenges of the exams in a positive and resolute fashion. To support them with this we will be providing the following opportunities for year 11 to maximise their revision in this last push:

- Every exam will have a subject leader briefing year 11 on the exam they are about to take.
- Where possible we will run exam revision lessons prior to exams to allow scholars the opportunity to prioritise focusing on upcoming exams.
- Where this isn't possible, our normal timetable will continue and subject teachers will be supporting with revision lessons that focuses on upcoming examinations
- If a subject is finished, supervised silent revision sessions will happen in class to provide a purposeful revision environment.

This offer provides year 11 with the best opportunity to be successful in the exams. We are confident that with the attitude they have shown so far and the input of their teachers, this will support them to thrive in the final stages of the exam season. This approach is common across the country and particularly in the most successful schools.

Year 11 last day at school

Year 11's last day in school will be Friday 16th June. From Monday 19th June, Year 11 scholars will only be required to attend their timetabled exams. We would like to remind you that for morning exams, scholars are required to be in school at 8.40am and for afternoon exams they will be required in school at 1.10pm.

As parents and carers, you play a vital role in this final stage of your child's school career. We would like to thank you for your support for them and the school. We are really excited for what Year 11 will achieve this year and in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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