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Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 11,

This letter outlines study arrangements for Year 11 students during their GCSE exam period and plans for the Leavers Assembly.

GCSE Study Arrangements

All students are expected to attend school at the usual time every day, for the full timetabled day. School uniform must be worn as normal.

At times when students are not taking exams, and in order to facilitate the best study environment for every student, students are required to attend their lessons as normal. The teachers have specialist knowledge that is needed to help students prepare for their exams and therefore achieve the best possible grades.

School will continue to make contact in the usual way if a student is absent as the expectation is that every student should be in school throughout the exam period. **If students have any medical appointments, we require medical evidence to support this as per our Attendance policy.**

If you have any queries regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact our Attendance Manager, Mrs Gunter, on hgunter@johnferneley.org.

We have made the decision as a school to grant study leave from **Friday 17th June** for all students. Only after this date are students allowed to leave after their exam. Should students wish to stay on site for the full school day after this date, we will ensure there is provision available for these students.

Leavers Assembly

We are delighted to now confirm the arrangements for our Year 11's last day in school. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 11 on **Friday 24th June** for their '**Leavers Assembly**', following their last GCSE exam on Thursday 23rd June. This event will take place at John Ferneley College, 2.00pm - 3.00pm. This day will be used to reflect with their peers, prepare for their transition to post-16 education and celebrate their many achievements throughout their time with us.

The event will be held in the auditorium and will run from 2.00pm – 3.00pm, with light refreshments provided at no additional cost. The traditional end of year shirt signing will also take place during this time. Please ask your child to wear their school shirt to the event.

Uniform donations – deadline Wednesday 6th July

We would also like to use this opportunity for students to donate all other uniform items (must be in good / excellent condition), such as *blazers, ties and trousers*. Your generosity is always appreciated. Of course, all donations of uniform must be washed thoroughly before bringing them into the school and secured in a separate bag. We will leave all uniform donations open to drop off at reception, until Wednesday 6th July.

Please see overleaf...

We do appreciate how challenging this time is for the students and, as always, if you have any further queries, please contact myself or your Head of Year, Mr Amli, at samliwala@johnferneley.org. May I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the years.

I wish you and your families the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely,

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