



Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist Maths and Computing College

Headteacher: Mrs J Warburton

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to clarify the arrangements with regard to 'Study Leave' for Year 11 pupils. In our experience, focused preparation in school that is supported by teachers maximises exam performance. This is borne out in national statistics which show that year 11s who are given prolonged periods of study leave do not perform as well as those who are kept under the more formal tutorage of a school environment. Therefore, as has been the case in previous years, all year 11 students will be required to attend school as normal until **Wednesday 13th June 2018**.

Where a student has completed all exams in a subject, they will be expected to attend that lesson, and the teacher will ensure a quiet revision environment in their normal timetabled classroom. Students are required to bring in their own revision materials to complete independent revision in these lessons. We are aware that many of our students feel under pressure at this time and would ask that you impress upon them the importance of undertaking a thorough programme of revision for each subject well in advance of the examinations. This will allow them to approach the exams with greater confidence. Last minute cramming has been proven to be ineffective and educational research shows that it causes stress and impairs a student's ability to concentrate and absorb information.

May I draw your attention to the information on the school website with regards to supporting student's with their preparation for exams. The resources can be accessed via www.cardinal-newman.org.uk/revision.php# or by clicking on the 'Parents and Carers' tab on the homepage of our website.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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