

Our Reference: Y11FinalWeeks

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to provide some information on the final weeks Year 11 students have at Fir Vale Academy. Year 11 have so far coped well with the pressures of the intense exam season and have completed a number of their courses, but we have another two weeks to go before Year 11 finish.

You will have already received a list of GCSE exams your son/daughter is scheduled to take, please continue to check this schedule and the times of exams daily. To support students, we deliver important “Booster Lessons” for each exam, where specialist teachers will go through key information and help focus students with last minute tips, ready for the exam. From week beginning 8th June, these Booster lessons will not be compulsory as students can choose to study from home rather than attend the Booster lesson in school. We would recommend all students attend the in-school Booster lessons but appreciate that some students would rather revise at home.

I will remind you that the GCSE exams are compulsory and must be attended. The exams are set according to dates and times that are set nationally but the exam authority. We have no control over these dates and if students miss their exams, there will be no opportunity to take the exam at any other time. It is therefore essential that students keep track of when they are required in school for their exams. In school Booster lessons provide vital last-minute reminders and advice and we recommend students attend these lessons to gain insights from their expert subject teachers.

From next week, **students can complete independent study at home if they are not due to take an exam or do not wish to attend the Academy’s booster session.** Students that have exams and boosters will continue to be offered lunch and they can purchase this in the normal way or for free if they receive a free school meal. I remind you that students must attend examinations and Booster sessions wearing their full Fir Vale uniform.

Following the final core exam, we are inviting Year 11 into school for their final assembly on **Monday 15 June**. This is to recognise and celebrate their achievements at Fir Vale Academy. If students no longer need their blazers or ties, we would greatly appreciate donations of these items on the day of the Leaver’s assembly.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the exam process, please contact the school. I would like to thank our parents and families for their continued support and so far we have been impressed with the attendance and conduct of Y11 during these vital GCSE examinations.

Yours faithfully



Danny Bullock  
Principal