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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 13 students

As we are nearing the end of your son/daughter's education at Great Marlow School I felt that this would be an appropriate time to say how proud I am of their continued positive attitude towards learning, their enthusiasm and effort in everything that they do and their unwavering politeness and exemplary behaviour. It has been a pleasure being their Head of Year.

I would like to clarify the arrangements for our Year 13 cohort for their final few weeks at GMS.

On **Friday 3rd May** there will be no Year 13 lessons. Instead, we would like to invite all Year 13 students to a Leaver's Breakfast which will take place between 9.15am and 11am in the 6th Form Centre.

Students will not need to attend registration on this date but arrive at the 6th Form Centre from 9.15 am and enjoy food provided by the school alongside a chance to chat with their teachers and peers. At approximately 9.45am, the Sixth Form Team will present a final assembly which will last for 45 minutes. By 11am, all students will leave the school site.

Please be aware that lessons for Year 13 students will continue as normal for the weeks/dates commencing:

Tuesday 9th May

Monday 13th May

Monday 20th May

Monday 3rd June.

Students are expected to attend all lessons in subjects that they still have an examination in unless they are sitting an examination at the time of the lesson. From **Thursday 9th May**, students in Year 13 need only attend all timetabled lessons but not registration.

Study leave will commence **Monday 10th June**. From this date it is not mandatory to attend lessons - students attend all examinations and lessons will continue to run in all subjects up to the date of the final exam. As stated, attendance to lessons where the final examination has not yet taken place is advisable but not mandatory from Monday 10th June.

As you will be aware there are several revision sessions that are going on during the school week. In addition to this there are some revision sessions that teachers have put on for Year 13 students in the Easter Holiday. Please use this link to sign up your son/ daughter to the available sessions:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6jBec9Rs5L>

The key messages that we are conveying to Year 13 are:

- Exam anxiety is normal
- A structured revision plan will help alleviate stress
- Revise regularly: little and often, then build up as we approach the exam season
- Exercise and clubs are important to continue for our well-being
- Seeing friends is important for our wellbeing and they can help us revise
- Healthy diet and plenty of water will help
- A good sleep routine helps
- You will have a long summer after your last exam!

Of course, it is important for students to work at their independent study, make effective use of their time in the 6th Form Centre and the Silent Study Room and to ensure that they attend ALL timetabled lessons.

I have added some revision technique resources on the school website in the Student Area, please click on the following link to browse through the Thinking Hard document. [Thinking Hard Revision Handbook](#)

A reminder that the 6th Form Prom is taking place at Hazlemere Golf Club on Friday June 21st from 7pm to 11pm. Students will be able to start paying for their tickets on Wisepay before the Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support, I wish your families a happy and restful Easter holiday.

Yours faithfully



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