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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 students have been studying well for their exams and are really focused. Thank you for your support in encouraging revision at home and helping them prepare.

Once exams in subjects are completed, students will find themselves with additional revision time in school. The following is a link to the revision booklet we gave to students six weeks ago <http://3dm.castleschool.co.uk/year-11-final-exams-countdown-booklet.pdf>. I emailed this to all Year 11 parents on Wednesday of this week. We will expect students to revise during this time in school to ensure they are given the opportunity to fully focus on subjects they have yet to have exams in. They must bring in revision materials for all their lessons and be fully prepared to revise for specific subjects.

Students will be able to pick up their Leavers' Hoodies at lunch time on 27 May. On the morning of Friday 17 June we will host 'The Castle School Oscars' – an annual event organised and hosted by the students to celebrate their five years at The Castle School. For this occasion students are allowed to wear 'smart clothes' into school, which helps to make it a special event (they will be allowed to wear their smart clothes in the Science exam that morning). In previous years students have used this as an occasion for 'shirt- signing' and have brought in an old school shirt. The Year Books will also be given out on this day.

The last full day for all Year 11 students will be Friday 17 June, when students will be able to leave after the 'Oscars'. Thereafter, they will only need to attend school for their remaining exams and for lessons/revision sessions where they have not yet taken the exam, details of these are in the exam booklet.

As you will know, the Prom is on Thursday 30 June and you are very welcome to join us at Oake Manor Golf Club to watch the students arrive. It is always a wonderful occasion and a great send off for the young people.

GCSE results will be available on Thursday 25 August from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon from QDOS (AS results will be available on Thursday 18 August from 9.00 am to 10.00 am from the Library). If your son/daughter is not able to come into school on the day to collect results, they may be collected by a parent or carer (proof of identity will be required). Any results not collected by 12 noon on 25 August will be posted to your home address by 2nd class post. If results will not be collected, you may request for them to be sent 1st class post by providing a stamped addressed

envelope to the Exams/Data Office. Should you believe that we may not have an up-to-date home address on our records, please contact the school office to confirm these details.

Our final school occasion for this cohort will be the Year 11 Presentation evening early in the Autumn Term, for the awarding of their GCSE certificates. You will receive a separate invitation to this nearer the time.

It is always sad when a group of students leaves us, but knowing that they will go on to further their studies or begin their careers is reassuring. They have been a great group of young people to work with and I wish them every success. If this is the end of your association with The Castle School, thank you for your support over the last few years.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

James Lamb
Deputy Headteacher

