

April 2010

Dear Parent / Carer,

As the examination season approaches it has been agreed to suspend the Year 11 timetable from Thursday 13th May in order to maximise the opportunity for pupils to prepare thoroughly for the external examinations. However, many subject teachers have already requested to continue to see their students in pre-arranged lessons after that date and it is essential that people turn up to scheduled lessons where staff require attendance.

There will also be a staffed revision room maintained for Year 11 pupils as required throughout the examination period.

If you feel your son / daughter would benefit from revising at home, thus avoiding time wasted by travelling and the possible distraction of other Year 11 pupils, please sign below and return this reply slip to **Mrs Warren** at school. If you prefer your son / daughter to revise full time at school you are not required to answer this letter. However, in that circumstance should your child fail to attend they would be given an unauthorised absence, with the concurrent effect on % attendance just at the time when colleges and prospective employers are scrutinising such data. It is therefore essential that this decision and its consequences are clearly understood by both parents and students. Should you decide that revision from home will give your child the best chance of optimising grades then that time will not be counted as absence, but "educated at home".

To celebrate the end of curriculum teaching and learning, Year 11 pupils are invited to attend a social gathering in the school canteen at 8.45am on Thursday 13th May where breakfast will be served. Following this there will be a final Year group assembly. Year 11 pupils will vacate the school grounds at 10.30am. Thursday 13th May will also be a non-uniform day for Year 11, simply to enable them to honour tradition by bringing a spare school shirt in to be signed as a memento to their time at school. We would not tolerate shirts being signed whilst being worn prior to this date. We are asking for a donation of an old mobile phone or £1, with which we will purchase balloons to release on the day of the PTA Balloon Race.

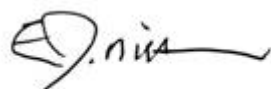
Should you wish to discuss the contents of this letter please contact Mrs Warren at school.

All pupils **MUST** be in full and correct uniform for every examination.

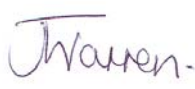
We will gratefully receive any unwanted ties or blazers at the end of your son / daughter's final exam. All textbooks should also be returned at the end of each exam.

Thank you for your continued support in the final weeks of your son / daughter's time at Walkden High School.

Yours Faithfully,



Mrs. E. Hilton
Headteacher



Mrs J Warren
Assistant Headteacher

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REPLY SLIP

I hereby give my consent for my son / daughter _____ in form 11 _____ to study at home. I understand that there are appropriate facilities available at school.

Signed _____ (parent / carer) Date _____