



13th March 2019

To: Parents of Pupils in Year 11

Dear Parents

Your child's final term at Hollygirt approaches all too quickly. The mock GCSE examinations suggested that several pupils still have a lot of work to do and no one can afford to become complacent. There is no shortcut to obtaining good grades, and now is the time for your child to establish a working pattern which will bring them to the peak of their performance at the right time. I must caution against 'burn out' too soon. A proper balance between quality revision and leisure is what needs to be achieved.

There will be a full programme of teaching to and including Thursday 9th May. After this date, teachers will be only too pleased to give help with revision at a time when they are free and individual arrangements should be made. Very careful thought has been given to the best time to suspend the timetable and teachers continue to give guided revision right up to the suspension of the timetable. Although not attending for regular timetabled lessons, the pupils are bound by the school's requirements until 11th July 2019, which is the last day of term. School uniform must be worn to the end of term including coming to and going from school for examinations.

The GCSE results may be collected from school between 9.30am and 11.00am on Thursday 22nd August 2019. Those not collected by 11.00am will be posted by first class mail. If you or your child are going to be away on results day, then a letter giving someone else permission to collect them on your behalf must be handed to Dr McKitterick before the end of Summer Term. Results cannot be given by email or telephone.

May I draw your attention to the letter Dr McKitterick has included in this mailing. I cannot over emphasise the importance of the information he has written in that letter. All textbooks must be returned to respective subject teachers usually on the day of the last examination in every subject. Pupils should not give in books to other teachers or to pupils for handing in or leave them in the form room with the hope that they will be found. You will be charged for textbooks that are not returned when stocktaking is done in July.

Now that the syllabus for most subjects is complete, teachers are looking closely at question analysis and examination technique. Homework which is given, forms part of the revision schedule.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given the school while your child has been with us. Prize Giving is to be on Wednesday 16th October 2019. It has been a pleasure to have your child in school. I trust that the effort they put in between now and the examinations will enable them to obtain the best result of which they are capable, of which them, you and we can be justly proud, and which will stand as firm foundation for successful endeavours in the years which lie ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P S Hutley
Headmistress