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Year 11 examinations and study leave – summer 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As we enter the 5th week of Year 11 examinations, we write to you to pass on our thanks to all of our students who have maintained high levels of attendance and engagement in their examinations to date. Thank you to you also for supporting them as their parents/carers. Your support makes all the difference.

The GCSE examination period can seem particularly long, yet many students continue to revise, attend the intervention sessions on offer and do their best in each exam. This year we have made some timetable changes which mean that students can benefit from booster sessions prior to morning or afternoon examinations in these subjects. This is providing increased focus for students and helping them to revise more effectively.

As of Monday 15th June 2026, the pace and number of examinations begin to reduce, with our young people increasingly tired - as the exam season progresses. To support this, we intend to allow our **Year 11 students to take study leave from Monday 15th June straight after their Physics exam**. This means that after this date, students are only expected to attend for any examinations they have left and any intervention sessions which have been organised (for students taking GCSE Spanish only). Your child is always welcome to continue to attend every day, if they wish to access computers, teachers etc. Please contact Mr Will Foster (Year 11 Pastoral and Learning Lead) – wfoster@shirebrookacademy.org and/or Mr Rob Duroe – rduroe@shirebrookacademy.org in advance so that we can plan for this.

Important dates:

- For students taking GCSE Spanish, you have booster sessions on **Monday 15th June, periods 4 and 5** and **Tuesday 16th June, periods 4 and 5**. The expectation is that these sessions are attended.
- Your child's final date of **compulsory** KS4 attendance is **Friday 26th June 2026**.
- Their Year 11 leavers' assembly is **Thursday 25th June, from 1.15pm**.

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- If your child is attending the Y11 Prom, the date of the event is **Friday 26th June at Ringwood Hall Hotel, Chesterfield, from 6.30pm**. Students will require collection from 10.30pm.
- Y11 results day – **Thursday 20th August 2026 from 8.00-11.00am**. Students should access the Upper Atrium where they will be directed to their results collection point.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

We wish our Year 11 students all the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Lindsey Burgin
Principal

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