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Letters for TM / Exam preparation

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Dear Parent/Carer

Exam Preparation at Home

I am very aware that at Kingswinford we have taken a different approach to many of the schools in this area who appear to be granting 'study leave'. We are certain, both at the school and within the trust, that exam performance is improved the longer students remain in formal lessons and that our decision falls in line with the letter and spirit of attendance codes and practice.

That being said, some very sensible and well-spoken students have made a strong case that they would like the opportunity to study at home in afternoon sessions where they are no longer in exam lessons (i.e. for lessons in which they have completed their exams already). Now that more and more examinations are complete, we are happy to grant that request in some form.

Therefore, from today, Year 11 students who have permission from their parents will be allowed to go home at the beginning of lunch and for the remainder of the day **if they do not have an examination, masterclass or formal lesson for an exam subject.**

In addition, as we have always planned, from Wednesday of next week students will only need to attend school for masterclasses and examinations. It is imperative that they do attend these sessions and must do so in full uniform and showing the proper attitude to learning and respect for our school rules. Families should closely manage this time at home: the time is for private study until student examinations are finished. Following their exams, students may elect to use their time in preparing for their next educational step, rather than attending school. This might be spent researching their college placements or courses; attending taster sessions at sixth forms, schools or colleges; seeking apprenticeship employment; or other productive career based activities.

If you would like your son/daughter to be able to study at home in the afternoons, please do sign the slip overleaf for them to show when they sign out. **They will not be allowed to leave without this signed letter.**

I do realise that this is a stressful time for students and a complex time for schools and I hope that we can coordinate this early release with a minimum of complication but thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation at this difficult time for our students.

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher



I [Please print parent name] Hereby give permissions
for my son/daughter [Please print student name] to
study at home when they do not have a masterclass, formal lesson or examination.

Signed Date