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Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

As we head towards the Easter Break, I am writing with regards to the forthcoming GCSE examinations and planned activities to mark the end of Year 11s' time at Beaminster School.

Students approached their mocks with calmness, a real sense of maturity and demonstrated excellent exam routines.

Students should soon have their **Leavers' hoodies** and may wear them until the GCSE examinations start on Monday 15th May 2023. Please note that hoodies are **not** permitted in examination rooms, students must wear their full school uniform. May we also remind you that students **MUST** have a **completely clear pencil case** for their exams and a **clear drinks bottle**, no coloured Chilly type bottles are permitted, and bottles should only contain water, no other liquids. A checklist is attached for information, and further guidance can also be found on the Exams pages of the school website.

Mr Barnes would also like to draw attention to the **Ofqual Student Guide 2023** which provides students with full guidance on exam arrangements: [Ofqual Student Guide 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

All students must remain in school for lessons until **Friday 26th May 2023** and **must also remain available up to and including Wednesday 28th June 2023** for the exam contingency day.

GCSE Results Day is Thursday 24th August 2023, which is when students are notified of their results.

Formal **exam certificates**, which provide proof of the qualifications gained for future employers, will be available to collect from school from November 2023. **Please ensure students remember to collect these certificates**, they are important documents that colleges and employers will ask to see and cannot be easily replaced!

Any **Revision Guides** that students no longer need will be very gratefully received as they can be used again to help other students in future. Please feel free to drop any unwanted Revision Guides at Reception, or bring them in on GSCE Results Day in August.

We thought it would also be helpful to give you an idea of the forthcoming celebratory events and costs involved:

Celebration Day and Meal	Friday 12 th May 2023	No cost
Year 11 Yearbook	Friday 12 th May 2023	£5 - £10
Year 11 Prom	Wednesday 5 th July 2023	£40 - £50

Celebration Day: Year 11 students are invited to come to school before their examinations start, dressed in all their finery, to enjoy a celebratory sit-down meal together in the Canteen to mark the end of their formal schooling. Lunch will be served by their Tutors, Head of Year and Senior Staff. Signing of (old!) school shirts and their Yearbooks will also take place on this day.

The **Year 11 Prom** will be at Haselbury Mill on Wednesday 5th July 2023, further details will be sent separately.

You will be notified when these items become available to purchase via ParentMail.

It would be very helpful for our planning and printing if you could let us know if your child would like to purchase a Yearbook, so please email SChanning@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk as soon as possible to confirm you wish to purchase a copy.

In addition to the exam equipment checklist, two further documents about exams are attached that are important to read, they can also be found on the school website: [Exam Information | Beaminster School | Beaminster](#)

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all Year 11 students a peaceful Easter Break. It is important that they revise, eat and sleep well, and we wish them all every success for their examinations and in the final few weeks ahead.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Randall', written in a cursive style.

Mr I Randall
Head of Pastoral Care