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Dear Parents

Fifth Form Study Leave 2019

We are writing to inform you that the school will allow your son or daughter to begin a period of Study Leave from 11am on **Friday 10 May**. As the GCSE examinations begin in earnest shortly, we feel that the candidates will get the greatest benefit from being allowed to prepare at home.

We recognise that the day when study leave starts has some significance for fifth form pupils despite the fact that the vast majority are not leaving Ripon Grammar School as they intend to continue in the Sixth Form in September. With this in mind we will be inviting all fifth formers in school on that day to attend a buffet with their form tutors and other staff. After this hopefully pleasant and informal gathering, the students will be allowed to begin their study leave around 11am.

We will be speaking to the fifth form in an assembly to outline our expectations concerning Study Leave. Unfortunately some students, here as elsewhere, can misjudge the mood of the day and let themselves down by inappropriate behaviour and actions. The difficulty is always one of recognising that the day is slightly different with a more relaxed atmosphere, whilst ensuring that students do not overstep the mark on what must be, after all, a normal working day for other students in the school.

We therefore thought that it would be helpful if we clarified the sort of things which would not be acceptable to the school and which could not therefore be tolerated on the day. These can be summarised as follows:-

- Appearance – we will not accept non-regulation uniform, hairstyles, make-up etc.
- Behaviour which disrupts the normal working of the school day or inconveniences others will not be acceptable.

Teachers will be available at their normal lesson times up to half term should any student wish to seek subject advice or guidance during “Study Leave”.

We hope that you welcome this information and we would appreciate your support in helping us to ensure that the fifth form begin their Study Leave in a positive and pleasant way as has been the case in recent years.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Upper School