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Year 11 Study Leave 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians

We are writing to inform you that the school will allow your son or daughter to begin a period of Study Leave from 11.00am on **Friday 13 May**. As the GCSE examinations begin in earnest shortly, we believe 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 Year 11 students despite the fact that many 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 Year 11 students in school on that day to attend a buffet with their form tutors and other staff. After this pleasant and informal gathering, the students will be dismissed to commence their study leave around 11.00am and we would expect them to leave site shortly afterwards.

We will be speaking to the year group 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 intended to celebrate their time together as a year group, whilst also ensuring that students do not overstep the mark on what must be, after all, a normal working day for other students in the school.

Therefore, we 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 be tolerated on the day. These can be summarised as follows:

- **Appearance** – we will not accept non-regulation uniform, hairstyles, make-up etc. Students who wish to have their school shirt signed by their peers/teachers should bring a spare school shirt for this purpose.
- **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”. It would be helpful if they contacted their teachers in advance and they should ensure that they sign in at reception and are in school uniform whilst on site during the normal working day.

In addition, during study leave, some students may prefer to work on site, especially if there are distractions at home or they have more than one examination on one day or a particular distance to travel. As well as access to colleagues, study rooms will also be provided on the day (a timetable will be published daily). It is imperative that students who remain on site after an examination or attend

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school for revision **sign in/out** at reception. Once signed in students should only sign out to go home – they are not permitted to leave site for any other reason.

We hope that you welcome this information and that the guidance is clear. We appreciate your support in helping us to ensure that Year 11 begin their Study Leave in a positive and pleasant way as has been the case in recent years.

Results Day 2022

GCSE results day is Thursday 25 August 2022

Results will be emailed to students at around 8:30 am and support will be available on site if any students wish to discuss their results. Details surrounding any appeals will be provided with these results. If you are holding an offer at Ripon Grammar School we would like you to contact the school at the earliest opportunity on the day to inform us of your decision about your place.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me by email at Hoy11@ripongrammar.com

Yours sincerely

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Head of Year 11