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Dear parents/carers

I am writing to ask for your support with your child's attendance in the next two weeks ahead of study leave on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. Ultimately if there is a genuine medical need we will always support students and this will not impact attendance at the planned Year 11 celebration events but we do ask them and you to avoid absence where possible in these crucial last few weeks.

We have had an increasing number of students requesting to go home 'ill' after the morning examination or parents ringing in to ask for them to go home. I wanted to just remind everyone that study leave does not begin until the end of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. This is so we can support students by staying in a routine and revising in a structured way with their teachers who know how to support them to achieve in the exam and settle them before the assessments. To be fair they have been brilliant so far and have been a credit to themselves, the staff and you.

However, I need your help to remind them that we have three celebration events planned to support them to get through the exams alongside their peers: the celebration afternoon on the 24<sup>th</sup> May; the pizza and pop afternoon on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June and the prom on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. None of these events are a right but rather a celebration of working together to get through. This includes positive behaviour and attendance at school.

It is also worth them remembering that we are required to supply their attendance to their post 16 provider so they need to consider this when being absent from school in the next few weeks.

Regards

Mrs H Davies

Deputy Headteacher