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Dear Parents/Carers,

The AS and A2 summer examinations begin in earnest on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. A full schedule of these examinations can be accessed from the St Crispin's website and an individual Statement of Entry has been issued to your son/daughter by his/her tutor this week.

The annual 'Leavers Day' celebrations for Year 13 students will take place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** (all Year 12 classes continue as normal on this day). AS and A2 lessons continue as normal during this 'study leave' period up to and including the day of the examination in any subject if the examination is scheduled for the afternoon session. **We strongly recommend that students attend all possible sessions. These final weeks of teaching and learning are essential to students as they prepare for their end of course examinations.**

All morning examination sessions begin at 9.00am and as in the past students are advised to be in school no later than 8.30am. Examinations in the afternoon begin at 1.30pm and again it is advisable for students to arrive early in order to feel relaxed; we recommend no later than 1.00pm.

At this time it is crucial that your son/daughter is motivated and working towards his/her examinations with confidence. Our expectations at this time are that students are working at least 3 hours per evening (Monday to Friday) on materials taught in class and further background research. At weekends this should be at least 5 hours on a Sunday. It goes without saying that full attendance in all lessons is recommended in these last weeks of study.

A2 programmes of study begin formally on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. All students intending to return to A2 study must be in school on that day. Students are advised to delay decisions to make alterations to their programmes of study until the results of the AS examinations are known. Decisions taken to discontinue study in particular subjects before this time are often retracted and valuable A2 learning time is lost.

It is school policy that a pre-requisite for A2 study is an achieved grade at D or above at AS level. Students who have not achieved this standard will be interviewed by the Head of Sixth Form and decisions about entry to Y13 will be taken on an individual basis. Students who do achieve at least a pass grade D in the AS examinations will be automatically allowed to progress onto A2 study in that subject. The minimum requirement of a full time programme of study is three courses at A2 or AS level or a combination of the two.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of the students the very best for the examinations and for parents may your patience not become too stretched as tensions rise.

Miss Riddle, Head of Year 12 and I are in school on results day **Thursday 15<sup>h</sup> August from 7am** and look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students on that date. It is imperative that all year 13 students who have applied to university are present on results day to confirm their places on courses. If advice or guidance is needed by individual students as a consequence of the results I am available in school on the days following the examinations.

If you wish to have any further information other than that contained in this letter please do not hesitate to telephone or e-mail me at the school.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Sixth Form