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Re: Year 11 GCSE Retakes

Dear Parents and Guardians,

First of all I wanted to share with you how nice it was for our staff to share your son's results day with them last week. It was great to see so many of them and to see them rewarded for their hard work over their time in school. As a school we are clear that they deserve these grades after unquestionably the strangest and most challenging Year 11 year that I certainly have ever been part of!

We know that many of them were really pleased with their results but also that, just like any results day, there were some people disappointed or determined to try and improve their grades through taking the November exams. I would like to stress that this is not an easy option as any qualification that your son wants to take they will have to complete exams for all the units in November whilst continuing their Post 16 studies. We have also not been provided much information about how this exam series will work at this point. However if your son would like to take this GCSE exam we will of course enter them for it and support them with taking it as well as we can. You can be entered to take the exams at Forest Hill if you have stayed on at SFH6 or not. We do strongly advise that your son only retakes qualifications he needs for his further studies, but the choice of what he is entered for is down to him.

If he would like to be entered for any of these exams please contact our exams officer, Ms Beadle via email (m.beadle@foresthillschool.co.uk) by **Friday 11 September**. We will need to know your son's full name and the full name of the qualification he wishes to be entered for. Any requests after 11 September will not be able to be processed in time for the exams so please let us know as soon as possible if he would like to be entered. There is no cost for being entered for this examination.

If you have any questions about the exams or your son's grades please feel free to email me directly. Since this is likely my last email to Year 11 parents I also wanted to say a big thank you for all your support for the school and with the boys over the last few years. We were sad that we did not get to say our normal goodbyes with them but are hopeful that when covid restrictions change we will be able to arrange a suitable send off for them all!

Kind regards

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