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Dear Parents/Carers of our Year 11 students,

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for our Year 11 students as they approach their GCSE examinations and the end of their education at The Bolsover School. Their written examinations begin Thursday 7th May and run through to Monday 15th June 2026. I would like to remind you that there is an Examination Contingency Day calendared after this date, on **Wednesday 24th June 2026**. The students must make sure they are available on this day in case we need them to come in to school for a nationally rescheduled examination.

As the written examinations commence, we will be implementing an alternative timetable to maximise the student's chances of success. They will attend a Booster session for each of their examinations. For morning (AM) examinations, the Booster sessions begin at **8.30am**. Please support us by making sure the students are punctual to school every day throughout the GCSE period. For afternoon (PM) examinations, the Booster sessions will take place during period 3. Attendance to Booster sessions for the examinations we have entered the students for is **compulsory**.

There is a Chemistry exam in the morning on Friday 12th June; The students will then have a break when that finishes, before attending a Physics Booster session period 3 (in preparation for their Monday exam). From 12:15 pm on Friday, the students are going to have time together at lunch where they can say their goodbyes to students and staff and take part in 'shirt signing' with their friends so that they are able to keep them as a memory to look back upon in future years. If students wish to take part in this, we suggest they bring a **spare shirt** with them on this day as we would like them to attend the Leavers Assembly well presented, in **full school uniform**. We anticipate the assembly will end at approximately 2 pm and the students will then be permitted to leave the school site.

On the morning of Monday 15th June, once they have finished their Physics exam, the students may leave unless they are sitting the Further Mathematics exam in the afternoon. Please make alternative arrangements for any students who usually catch a school bus at the end of the day.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this information, please feel free to contact me on the school number or via email on r.bennett@thebolsoverschool.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

Miss R Bennett

Deputy Headteacher